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Gun & Tear Gas Battle

Rome, Mar. 20.—At least 12 persons were injured in an hour-long gun and tear gas battle between Communists and police at Cerignola.

The police arrested a number of Communists and Left Wing Socialists on charges of organising a demonstration against the police before the Communist headquarters at Cerignola, an official said.—United Press.

ROBBERY AT FALCONER'S

Articles Worth \$8,000 Stolen

Between the fifth hour on Saturday and mid-day yesterday, thieves gained entrance to Falconer and Co. Ltd., well-known local jewellers on the ground floor of Union Building and decamped with watches and articles of jewellery to the total value of about \$8,000.

It is learned that one of the decorative grills on the top of the main entrance was broken open.

A report was made to the Police and investigations are proceeding.

FEUD SETTLED

Chicago, Mar. 20.—The long-standing feud over wages and hours between the American railroad and 16 unions was settled today on the terms laid down by the Presidential fact-finding board.

Under the agreement, about one million employees start a five-day 40-hour week from September 1 with the same pay they received for 48 hours. They also get a wage increase of seven cents an hour retroactive to last October.—Reuter.

Communists And Mosleyites Fight Hand To Hand In London Streets

18 PEOPLE ARRESTED: POLICEMEN INJURED

London, Mar. 20.—Crowds fought hand to hand and stoned motor buses in London's East End tonight as more than 5,000 Communist supporters and other anti-Fascists tried to break up a march by 150 members of Sir Oswald Mosley's Union Movement.

Glass marbles, steel ball-bearings and fireworks were thrown in the roadway to impede mounted police as they charged up and down, clearing a way for the procession.

Eighteen people, including several women, were arrested.

Eight policemen were injured.

Policemen rode in vehicles at the head and end of the column, which was flanked by constables on foot at yard intervals.

Another 12 mounted police and 200 on foot followed the march.

Long lines of traffic were held up.

The trouble tonight began when a Union Movement speaker mounted a loudspeaker van in Ridley Road, Dalston, the scene of many previous clashes between Mosley supporters and anti-Fascists.

One hundred police, part of a large force drawn from all parts of London, battled with a crowd trying to break into the street. Mounted and foot police cleared the area around the van, forming a cordon four deep.

Foot constables stood shoulder with locked arms as the crowd tried to press to the van. Each speaker was flanked at either side by a bodyguard of two young men in black or dark blue battle dress type suits with broad leather belts. One held a large Union Jack and the other a Union Movement flag.

By a last minute decision, the police diverted the march from Kingsland Road, where 2,000 anti-Fascists had lined the streets, shouting "Down with Fascism" and "They Shall Not March."

As soon as the procession moved off, headed by a band of big drums, side drums and cymbals, thousands rushed to intercept it at various stages of the revised four-mile route. About 20 women and young girls marched behind the male Union members.

A series of hand-to-hand scuffles took place at West Green, Tottenham, the North London terminal of the Mosley march. A crowd of about 5,000 people held up four motor buses. Stones were thrown and the windows of one bus were broken. Another had its tires deflated.

A dozen hastily erected forms from Communist speakers addressed the waiting crowd before the marchers arrived.

The battles began when members of Sir Oswald Mosley's Fascist "Union Group" sought to parade through the streets in Tottenham, a strongly Communist district in North-east London. Many marchers wore black battle dress and shirts with swastika armbands.

A Communist "command post" was set up near the starting point of the parade and quickly mobilised a crowd of some 600 Leftists who marched on the Mosleyites.

Men and horses milled about in the streets for nearly an hour while behind the police line a parade of anti-Fascists marched.

The police diverted paraders from their planned route, but Communist motorcycle "dispatch riders" followed the marching column and directed the Leftists to new points of attack. Along the line of march crowds hurled bottles and built up the pandemonium.

"Rats, rats, down with the rats" or "Germany calling!"

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Throws 4 Children To Safety

New York, Mar. 20.—A mother saved her four small children today by throwing them from the third floor of a burning apartment house into firemen's nets and then jumped to safety herself.

Mrs. Sadie Barrett, 28, and her children—Perry, four months, Richard, 14 months, Linda, three years, and Danny, six—were taken to hospital suffering from contusions.

Fire broke out at 7.25 a.m. and Mrs. Barrett and her children crawled out onto a ledge when she saw the flames. She was hysterical when the firemen arrived, but was able to drop the children, one at a time, into the nets below.—United Press.

Israeli-Lebanese Armistice Signed Yesterday

Ras en Nakura, Mar. 20.—Israel and Lebanese delegates signed an armistice agreement on Sunday night.

The UN Mediator, Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, informed the Israeli government in Tel-Aviv that Syria has agreed to enter into armistice negotiations with Israel.

Jewish authorities said these talks—the fourth with their Arab neighbours—would probably be held soon along the Israeli-Syrian frontier.

The Lebanese-Israeli agreement will be signed ceremoniously here on Wednesday.

SECOND ARMISTICE

This is the second armistice agreement between the young Jewish state and her Arab neighbours. An armistice with Egypt was signed last month. Talks with Transjordan are under way.

Israeli-Lebanese negotiations have been in progress in this seacoast village on the Lebanon-Palestine border since March 1. Lebanon, like Egypt and Transjordan, is a member of the Arab League.

The seven nations of the League set out to destroy Israel after the British mandate in Palestine was terminated last May and the Jewish state proclaimed its own existence.

The Arab military campaign failed to crush Israel. In the closing stages of the Palestine fighting Israeli troops seized almost all of Northern Palestine and drove over the border into Lebanon.

OBSERVING TRUCE

Iraq has never agreed publicly to armistice talks although her troops are observing the current Palestine truce. Saudi Arabia and Yemen never took an active part in the war against Israel.

The text of the Israeli-Lebanese agreement was not disclosed. It will be released at Tel-Aviv and Beirut.

It was reliably learned that one of the thorniest problems in the negotiations—the question of Syrian troops on Lebanese soil—was not mentioned in the agreement.

In the interest of securing an armistice, Israel apparently waived her original demand that an agreement be binding on Syrian units in Lebanese territory, informants said.—Associated Press.

STRIKE THREAT

Hamburg, Mar. 20.—Helmuth Böckler, Chairman of the Trade Union Congress, said today that about a million coal miners and steel workers would strike if negotiations for wage increases of up to 30 percent did not end satisfactorily for the workers.

He declared that an increase in the basic wages of Ruhr coalminers was inevitable.—Reuter.

Russian Currency Outlawed In Berlin

Berlin, March 20.—The Big Three Western Powers today outlawed the Soviet-backed currency in the western sectors of Berlin and said that they were ready for any Russian reprisals.

The United States, Britain and France ruled out the Soviet East Mark on the first anniversary of the Berlin "cold war," which started a year ago when the Russians walked out of the Four Powers Allied Control Council.

The joint Three-Power announcement said that the action was taken to save the western city government from bankruptcy. Taxes have been payable in cheaper East Marks but most of the civil servants have been paid in the stronger West Marks.

Some Western quarters expected quick Russian reprisals. They said the Soviets might close down the Berlin elevated railway and seal off the Soviet sector to all traffic from the West.

REFORM EXPLAINED

Marshal Vasily D. Sokolovsky, Soviet commander in Germany, observed the Berlin "cold war" anniversary by demanding that a Russian resituation be allowed to enter the British zone to search for Soviet property stolen by the Nazis. He said the British have honoured only 53 of 540 Russian property claims.

In explaining the new currency reform, Major-General Bourne, British commander in Berlin, told a news conference that the Western Allies were "ready for any Soviet counter-measures" and added that the Russians were in a "weak position" to retaliate.

Brig-General Frank Howley, American commander, said: "The best way to make anyone come to terms is to convince him that his tactics are a failure. It must be obvious to the Russians that their blockade has not succeeded."

The Big Three announcement said simply, "As from March 20 the East Mark shall cease to be the legal tender in the western sectors of Berlin."

The currency reform instituted in June by the Western Powers did not disturb the situation in Berlin. But the Russians, in a counter reform, declared the Soviet East Mark to be the sole legal currency in Berlin. In view of the Soviet move, the Western Powers adopted arrangements under which both currencies were legal in the Western sectors.

ECONOMIC INJUSTICES

But it did not work out. The Big Three announcement said the dual currency system had resulted in economic injustices. Both merchants and the Western city government were reportedly suffering from the fact that while both currencies were legal tender, one West Mark was valued at four East Marks.

The Three Powers announced the following points:

1. Western Berliners may possess Soviet-backed East Marks without fear of prosecution. However, this money may be used only in the Russian sector or at places such as the Soviet-controlled elevated railway where East Marks are accepted.

2. Until April 19, half of the rents may be paid in East Marks.
3. Taxes may be paid in East Marks until April 30.
4. Wages and salaries must be paid 100 percent in West Marks, starting Monday.
5. Rationed food in shops may be paid for in East Marks until April 1.

The Three Power announcement, which did not come as a surprise, said the Western Powers would have put the reform into effect months ago but they had wanted to give the United Nations Security Council "neutrals" time to devise a settlement of the East-West currency and other problems in Berlin.—United Press.

10 Members Of Ho Ying-Chin's Cabinet Chosen

LIST TO BE COMPLETED BY THIS AFTERNOON

Nanking, Mar. 21.—A spokesman for the Premier, General Ho Ying-chin, last night gave Reuters an incomplete list of Ministers for the new Nationalist peace Cabinet.

He said the full list will be completed by the Premier by Monday afternoon and then telegraphed to Canton for the approval of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee.

The incomplete list is as follows:

Premier and Minister of National Defence—General Ho Ying-chin.

Deputy Premier, Mr. Chia Ching-ich, Vice-President of the Examination Yuan.

Minister of Economic Affairs—Mr. Sun Teh-chi, former Chairman of the National Resources Commission.

Minister of the Interior—General Li Han-hun, Chief of the President's Military Bureau and former Governor of Hainan Island.

Minister of Finance—Mr. Hsu Kan (no change but his appointment tentative).

Minister of Education—Mr. Han Li-wu, former Vice-Minister of Education (appointment also tentative).

Minister of Foreign Affairs—Dr. Fu Ping-chang, present Ambassador to Moscow (appointment also tentative).

Minister of Communications—Mr. Chen (no change).

Minister of Judicial Administration—Mr. Pao (no change).

Minister of Mongolian and Tibetan Affairs—Mr. Pao Yin-lee (no change).

Overseas Chinese Affairs—Mr. Tai Kwei-sen (no change).

Minister without Portfolio (seven in number)—General Chang Chun, head of the Pacification Headquarters for South-west China, General Chang Chih-chung, Governor General for Northwest China; Dr. Chu Chia-hua, former Minister of Education; Mr. Kwan Chih-yi, former Minister of Food, and three others to be appointed, including one nomination each from the Young China and Democratic Socialist parties.—Reuter-AAP.

NANKING AGITATION

Shanghai, Mar. 21.—A movement is afoot among Legislators in Nanking to get General Ho Ying-chin's new Cabinet begin peace talks with the Chinese Communists as soon as it is completed, according to Chinese reports today.

These Legislators are also said to favour the abolition of Kuomintang Party rule under which all major policies must be approved by the party's Central Executive Committee or the Central Political Council.

Whampoa Dock Development

Canton, Mar. 21.—The Executive Yuan has earmarked US\$7,500,000 for the development of both the Whampoa harbour and the Whampoa area this year.

Mr. Li Yi-wan, Chairman of the Whampoa Harbour Construction Commission, is quoted by the local press as saying that this sum will be used for the following purposes: (1) Extension of wharves to enable seven 10,000-ton steamers to be simultaneously moored alongside them; (2) further dredging of the Pearl River to enable 7,000-ton vessels to reach Whampoa harbour; (3) to establish water and electricity works and (5) the building of more godowns.—Reuter.

Singapore, Mar. 20.—The High Commissioner for Indo-China, Mr. Leon Pignon, is expected to arrive here tomorrow afternoon on his way to Saigon. He will meet Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, the British Consul-General, here.—Associated Press.

Australia Opposes Japan's Participation In Pact

Sydney, Mar. 20.—A Japanese treaty must be negotiated before Australia will even consider permitting her to join any Pacific pact, it was learned today.

Before completion of such a treaty there is not a prayer nor a forlorn hope that Australia will set down at any table with Japan.

Australia, however, is anxious to see the Japan treaty expeditiously and this has been urged consistently by the Minister for External Affairs, Dr. Herbert Evatt. But Australia also insists that Russia participate in the peace treaty.

Cambodia, however, believes the Japanese must await completion of the German and Austrian treaties.

Even after completion of the Japanese treaty, Australia's most likely will balk about Japan joining the Pacific pact. The Japanese must remember that the American assurances that the democratisation of Japan is succeeding.

The Aussies also feel they do not have enough voice in the occupation commensurate with the price they paid to help defeat Japan. The memory of wartime Japanese atrocities will for a long time colour the Australian attitude toward Japan.

Also, the Australians view with dark suspicion Japan's industrial resurgence. An instance of this is the restriction of imports from Japan now talked about in Canberra.

Japan's expanding population further tends to check any real softening of attitude. Inspired suggestions that Japanese should be permitted to emigrate to New Guinea infuriate Australians who think Hokkaido should first be exploited.

On the other hand the Aussies are interested in the recent reports that Japan is investigating population control.

While the national attitude is unyielding there is a change of some in some individual Australians; for instance the disquiet that some members of the Australian occupation force are marrying Japanese girls. That shocks Australia.—United Press.

EDITORIAL

Collective Security Pact

THE essence of the Atlantic Pact is collective security, and as such can be regarded as an instrument calculated to deter aggressive action on the part of any country not a signatory to the alliance. No attempt has been made to hide the fact that it is intended to represent a safeguard against further Soviet expansion in Europe, and while it is not surprising the Russian propagandists are bitterly assailing the pact, it is pertinent to note that it came into being solely as a result of Soviet policy in Eastern Europe and Germany, and because of Russia's non-co-operative attitude in the United Nations. Russia, therefore, has only herself to blame in finding opposed to her a powerful bloc of Western powers, who, while willing to concede to the Kremlin the right to apply any political doctrine it cares in its own country, are determined to withstand any attempts by the Russians to impose their system within the Western hemisphere. The North Atlantic Alliance is a natural development from the Marshall Plan and the Benelux agreement, serving in the first place to consolidate the gains to Western security which those two economic and political undertakings have so far achieved. Not a single article in the Atlantic Pact suggests aggressive designs, and so carefully has its terms been framed that it does not violate either the spirit or the functions of the United Nations. There will be no hesitation on the part of the member states to sign the pact, nor is there likely to be any serious attempt to prevent its ratification. It is admitted that the United States Congress and Senate will closely examine and thoroughly debate the conditions of the alliance, but as the most controversial point—the preservation of Congress's

constitutional right to decide whether the country shall go to war—has been satisfactorily settled, the sting of the opposition has been largely removed. A more important consideration is whether Russia will be stung into counter-action. Diplomatic observers are reported to believe that the Soviets will identify the "cold war" by endeavouring to foment strikes and acts of sabotage within those countries who have aligned themselves together under the terms of the Atlantic Pact. Others foresee the Kremlin initiating a similar sort of alliance between Russia and her satellites—though this could be little more than window-dressing inasmuch that the Communist "brotherhood" in Eastern Europe and the Balkans has already manifested itself through its bloc voting in United Nations committees. Tito and Yugoslavia may render difficult a solid alliance, and it is conceivable, but not probable, that this defection, and the fait accompli of the North Atlantic Pact, may persuade Russia into a more tractable policy which Russia has followed merely had the effect of losing for her wartime friends and dividing Europe into two camps. It has also aroused the active dislike and distrust of the United States, which should be sufficient for any nation to think twice about its future actions. If the Kremlin is wise it will admit to itself that its truculent policy has done nothing but get Russia ostracised by the democratic world and that it can repair this damage only by joining the world councils determined to be genuinely co-operative in the interests of international peace and prosperity. When these signs are manifest, Russia will once again be received into the family of nations.

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Short-hair-styles at the Spring Hair Fashion Competition in Britain. Top picture shows the winning head, that of Joan Robins. 20; and, below, Barbara Allen.

Vicki In A Terno Knocked 'em Cold

By MANOLITA TEATSORTH

MANILA.—Vicki Manalo Draves, a girl who's equally breath-taking in a bathing suit or a party dress, wore her first "terno" recently at a party given by President Elpidio Quirino at Malacanang Palace and the guests just couldn't keep their eyes off the American diving queen.

It was the first time in Vicki's 24 years that she had worn a terno, or native Filipino dress. It fulfilled a lifelong ambition for the olive-skinned Olympic diving champion, whose late father was a Filipino and whose mother is English.

"I used to attend parties in California where Filipino or mestiza girls dress in their native ternos, and I secretly hoped that some day I might also wear one," Vicki said.

Vicki's mother, Mrs. Gertrude Manalo of San Francisco, asked her diving daughter by trans-Pacific telephone whether she was going to wear a Filipino terno. At the time Vicki didn't know. Then, a Manila dressmaker made one for her as a gift.

Doris Day Now Relaxes

DORIS Day, ex-night club singer, who scored a big hit in "Romance On The High Seas," claims to be Hollywood's number one anti-night clubber.

She doesn't own a single evening gown. And you can't get her to put a toe into a supper club.

That indicates you can get fed up on even the most expensive things, Miss Day said.

"I spent almost every night for eight years in evening gowns, in night clubs," Miss Day said. "I never want to see them again—either a supper gown or a supper club."

Miss Day's allergy to night clubs brings up the question of what she does do in her spare time. She plays gin rummy, reads good books and takes care of her four-year-old son. And instead of evening gowns, she wears red sweaters.

It's often been necessary for Miss Day to wear an evening gown on the screen, movies being the lush things they are.

"When movies call for me to dress up, I dress up," Miss Day explained logically. "That's part of my work."

"I put on an evening gown the way I'd put on any other kind of costume, and take it off when the job is done."

"But I don't believe in dressing up just for the sake of dressing up."

Gorgeous lace and satin creations have lost their appeal for Miss Day. In eight years on the road with bands, she figures she had four times as many of them as most women get in 80 years.

When Miss Day goes on a spending spree now, she doesn't buy an evening gown. She buys tailored slacks.

★ Mr. Revson, who made nail enamel in garret, now chooses the spring shades for 53,000,000 women.

THE LIPSTICK MILLIONAIRE

New York.

EVERY time an American woman's over-stuffed handbag finally bursts open and spills its bewildering array of contents, it is approximately five to one that the lipstick that goes rolling across the floor will have been made by the man I talked to the other day.

His name is Mr. Charles Revson, uncrowned lipstick and nail enamel king of the U.S.A. (He thinks he could easily make himself cosmetics king of England, too, in a very short while, it times were different and the Whitehall people would let him open a factory outside London.)

Seventeen years ago, Charles Revson was working for another man, in what for a moment I thought he was going to call the "beauty racket" (beauty profession was what he

actually said). He asked for a rise and got instead a lecture on the inadvisability of young fellows earning too much money.

"But I like money," said Mr. Revson, who now has enough of it to operate from a suite of luxury offices on Fifth Avenue. "I've always liked money. I like to spend it. So I got out."

It was March 1, 1932, when Charles Revson, his brothers Joseph and Martin, and a friend started up their own tiny business in a New York garret.

They made their own nail enamel, more or less by the cupful. "In those days we made maybe a couple of gallons in a week. I peddled it round from shop to shop in the first year we made 200 gallons. Now we make 80,000 gallons a year, and sell it all."

Mr. Revson is the man who thinks up the fancy colours, guesses what women will take, and the fancy titles that send his sales graph up, up, up.

Most of the 53,000,000 American women and girls between 15 and the grave wear the colours they do because Charles Revson says so.

They dab on the lipstick and the rouge, the powder and the nail enamel they do because Charles Revson has seen to it that, my dear, one simply cannot do anything else this year.

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Atomizer Conserves Perfume



Perfume and toilet water are best kept in an atomizer. Toilet water that comes in an atomizer-type container is easy to apply, lasts longer.

By HELEN FOLLETT

GIRLS who must conserve the beauty budget, can't bear to give up perfume and toilet water, would do well to invest in an atomizer. It is extravagant and a sinful waste of expensive flowered odours to dab them behind the ear, or put them on handkerchiefs and scarves.

Firms that have toiletries to offer are going out in a big way to supply members of the universal sisterhood with these little spraying gadgets. There are charming designs, some a bit costly, others that come within the means of the average shopper. You will find them in all colours. There are cute tricks in clear or Swedish type glass, topped with black, ivory, pink or blue plastic. There are others of iridescent mother of pearl. Fancy that!

A nice gift for that girl friend of yours when her birthday comes and you are wondering what to give her.

You might go all out and send along a bottle of perfume.

Don't forget that the scents of the floral kingdom have a distinct influence upon people, so select one that is delicate in character. A famous perfume chemist has remarked that one's entire mode of life may be changed by the perfume one uses. We offer that for what it may be worth. We do know that the woman who carries with her an overpowering, musky aroma is considered anything but fastidious.

As the gardens of the world cannot supply enough flowers to meet the demand of perfume buyers, synthetics are employed to a large extent. These are made in laboratories and serve a useful purpose, since they duplicate the flower scents and are likely to be more lasting.

The most popular offerings seem to be blends or bouquets. These same scents can often be had in the form of toilet waters that, being more reasonable in price, can be used more freely by the budget-watcher.

Let's Eat

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN



An Outdoor Buffet

ONE of the most delightful outdoor buffet parties I ever attended was given last autumn on a ranch.

The hostess planned a buffet meal for quick serving and easy eating. It was a delightful party. The service was so perfectly conducted and it was such a practical way to entertain a large group, that I'm sure many of you planning "family reunions" on the Fourth would like to know about it.

The food was arranged on large linen-covered tables in the houses, with the dishes, napkins and appropriate silverware placed nearby. First there was a huge perfectly baked ham, and tremendous platters of quartered broiled chicken and sliced turkey. Next there were big bowls of tossed salad, and a wonderful potato salad.

There were plates of different kinds of buttered bread and baskets of crusty rolls. All kinds of olives, pickles, relishes, mustards, choice jellies and jams, were arranged in matching glass dishes.

Cheese and Crackers
For dessert there was a fine array of cheese and unusual crackers, arranged on a special table. Fresh fruit, warm salted almonds browned in grape oil, and plenty of hot coffee poured at the tables, topped off a perfect meal.

We collected all our food in the house, cafeteria style, then we went outdoors to eat at the linen-covered tables in the grape arbores on the lawn, or under blunder or fig trees.

A family reunion buffet may be served indoors or outdoors. Baked ham, turkey and chicken may be too expensive, and as the weather will probably be warm, and children will be present, ice cream is a must.

So here's a different menu, planned for the same kind of informal service, and starting with something brand-new, that is not expensive, but that won't the acclaim of a group of gourmets who enjoyed it. It's a native peasant soup from Spain, made entirely from uncooked vegetables.

Buffet
Crisp Peasant Soup
Crisp Crackers
Sliced Roast Pork
and Smoked Tongue
Chili Sauce
Hot Escalloped Macaroni
and Cheese
Brownies a la Mode with
Chocolate Sauce
Hot or Iced Coffee or Tea
Milk (Children)
All Measurements are Level
Recipes Serve Four

Cold Peasant Soup
Peel and fine-chop 6 large, ripe tomatoes with 1 sweet red

or green pepper. Cut 2 good-sized cucumbers lengthwise. Scoop out and discard the seeds, and fine-chop the pulp. Mix in a glass bowl with the tomatoes and pepper. Add 2 tbsp. grated raw carrots, 2 tbsp. fine-grated Bermuda onion, ½ tsp. garlic salt, or 1 section garlic, crushed fine, 2 tbsp. lemon juice, 1 tsp. cayenne pepper, 1/3 tsp. black pepper and 1 tsp. salt. Mix thoroughly. Chill—and serve very cold, preferably in a glass bowl. Serve with crackers and whole sprigs of water cress to nibble.

Brownies a la Mode
For each person top a brownie with a scoop of vanilla, chocolate or coffee ice cream. Four over cold chocolate sauce.

Brownies
Cream together ¼ c. granulated sugar and ¼ c. butter or margarine. Work in 2 squares melted bitter chocolate, 1 tsp. dark corn syrup, 2 well beaten eggs, and 1 tsp. vanilla. When well mixed, add ¼ c. milk. Next sift together ¾ c. flour, ¼ tsp. salt and ½ tsp. baking powder. Add 1 c. chopped nut meats (any kind) and stir into the first mixture. Oil a shallow pan, 8" x 13", spread the brownie batter evenly in this, making it about ¼ in. thick. Bake 15 min. in a moderate oven, 375 F. While still warm cut in 2 in. squares. These will keep fresh several days if stored in a closed tin.

Dinner
String Bean and Cheese Salad
Boiled Salmon or Other Fish
Cucumber Sauce
Parasled New Potatoes
Buttered Green Peas
Apple Pie
Hot or Iced Coffee or Tea
Milk (Children)

String Bean and Cheese Salad
Use 1 lb. whole boiled or pressured string beans for this salad. Combine with plain or garlic French dressing and chili. Arrange individually on lettuce or cress. Garnish with balls of cottage cheese rolled in grated raw carrot.

Boiled Salmon, Halibut or Cod
Order a thick cut of fish weighing from 1½ to 2 lb. Place the fish on a plate and tie a piece of cheese cloth loosely around, so it can be lifted from the water without breaking after cooking. Place in a kettle. Pour in boiling water barely to cover. Add 2 tsp. salt, and 1 tsp. vinegar or lemon juice, to make the fish firm and flavourful. Simmer 20 min. Drain thoroughly and serve with sauce tartare, creamed chopped egg sauce, or soured cream cucumber sauce.

FOR THE JUNIOR MISS



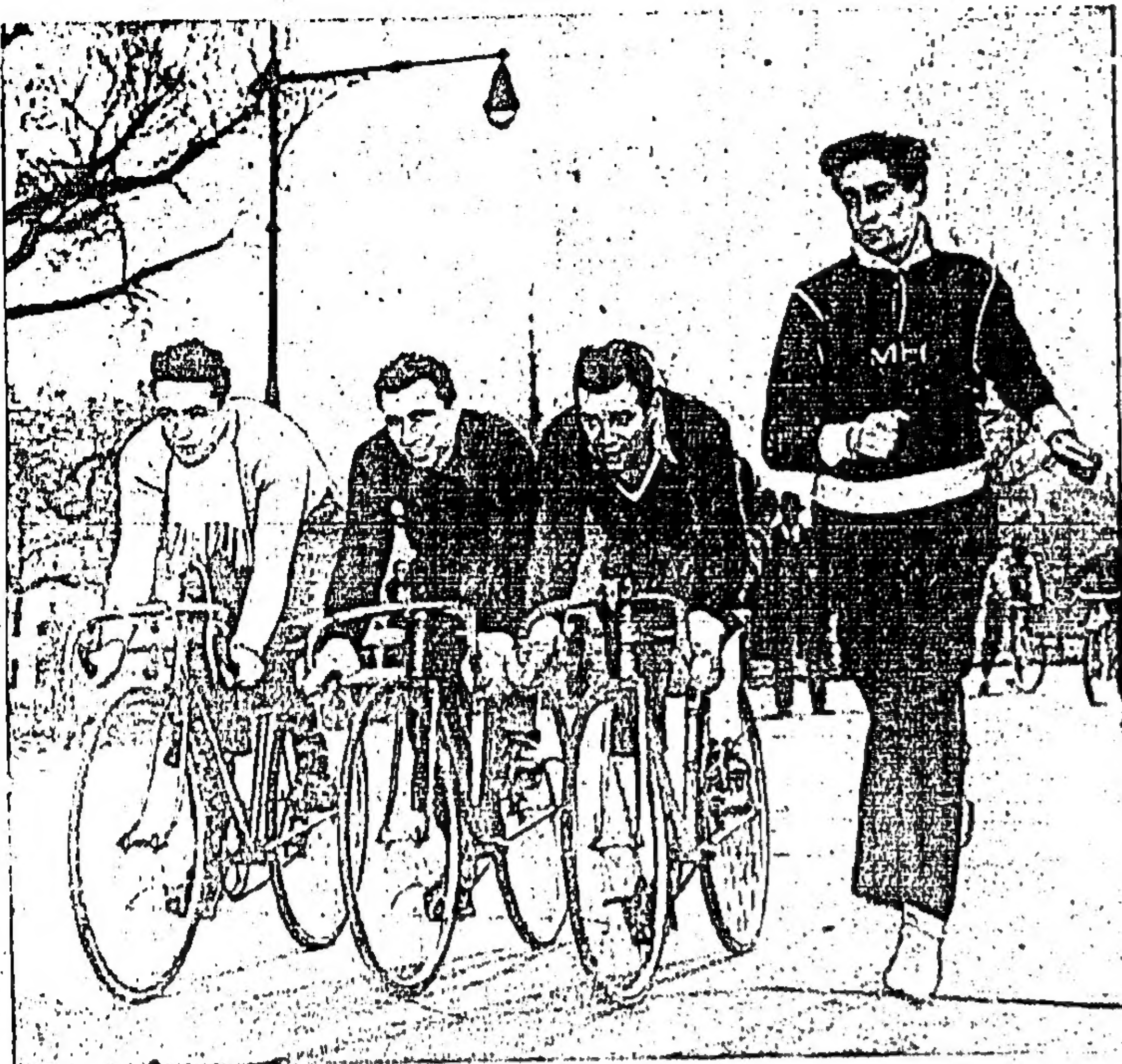
A two-yard stole, with pockets at each end, conceals the bare shoulders of a sun dress, left, for informal summer dancing. The daytime dress, at right, has a dirdnd skirt and matching belt that ties in front. The New York modelled dresses are boldly printed in warm colours, a pleasing feature for the younger set.

Household Hints

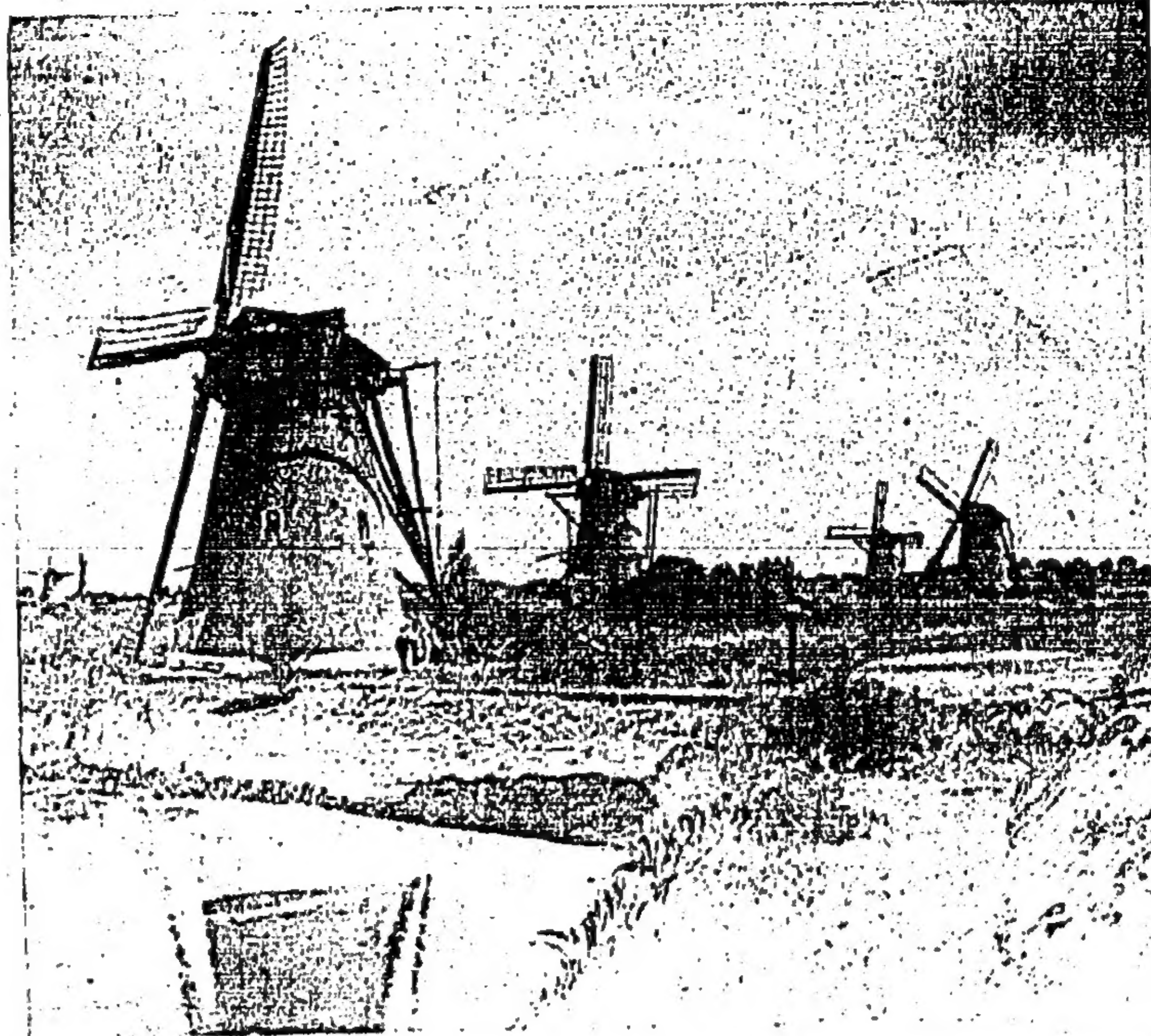
Warped drop leaves on small tables are a common problem. The slope can be partially remedied by gluing a wedge on top of the support which swings out to hold the leaf in place. The wedge should be just as long and as wide as the top of the support, and should be wide on the outer end, narrowed down to nothing at the other side. Apply glue to the wedge and support the place in position, raising the leaf. Let dry for 48 hours, and don't use the table during that time. The weight of the leaf will be enough pressure to hold the wedge firmly to the support.

To avoid wrinkles when ironing a bra, turn the iron towards the centre of each cup until the entire area is smooth and dry. Or, iron the cups double. The flat sections and straps are ironed next. Try not to iron over elastic portions.

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



WARMING UP—Marcel Hansenne, the French middle-distance runner, takes a practice run in New York's Central Park, accompanied by three of his countrymen who are in New York to compete in six-day cycle races. Hansenne is competing in indoor track meetings.



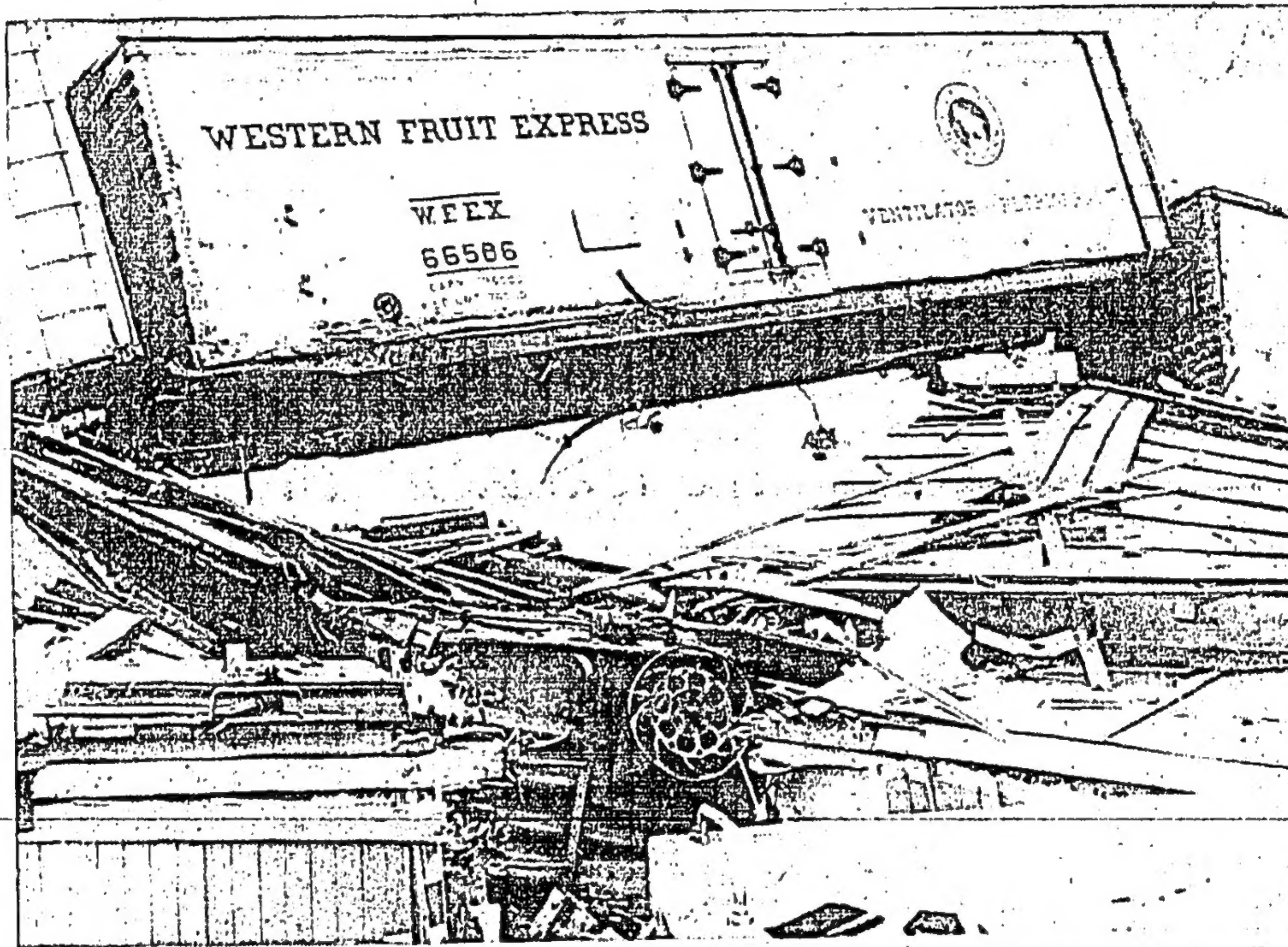
WINDMILL ROW—These picturesque mills are still in active service several hundred years after they were built near Rotterdam. There are 23 of them in one square mile, the greatest concentration of windmills in the world.



MOVING ON—Refugees, mostly Indians, carry their belongings on their heads as they flee from Insein, Burma. After a six-day battle between Burmese forces and rebellious Karens, about 5,000 persons were left homeless when the Karens took the town, which is north of Rangoon.



SMALL TRAVELLER—Margaret, three-year-old Mexican chihuahua, arrives in New York in the Queen Mary with Mrs. Margot Coro, of Havana. The tiny dog had been seeing the sights in France and Italy.



PILED UP—A collision between two goods trains caused this spectacular pile-up about six miles west of American Falls, Idaho. Three railwaymen were killed and 24 cars left the tracks. Approximately 325 passengers were held up until buses were pressed into transportation service. A fire which started later added considerably to the damage.



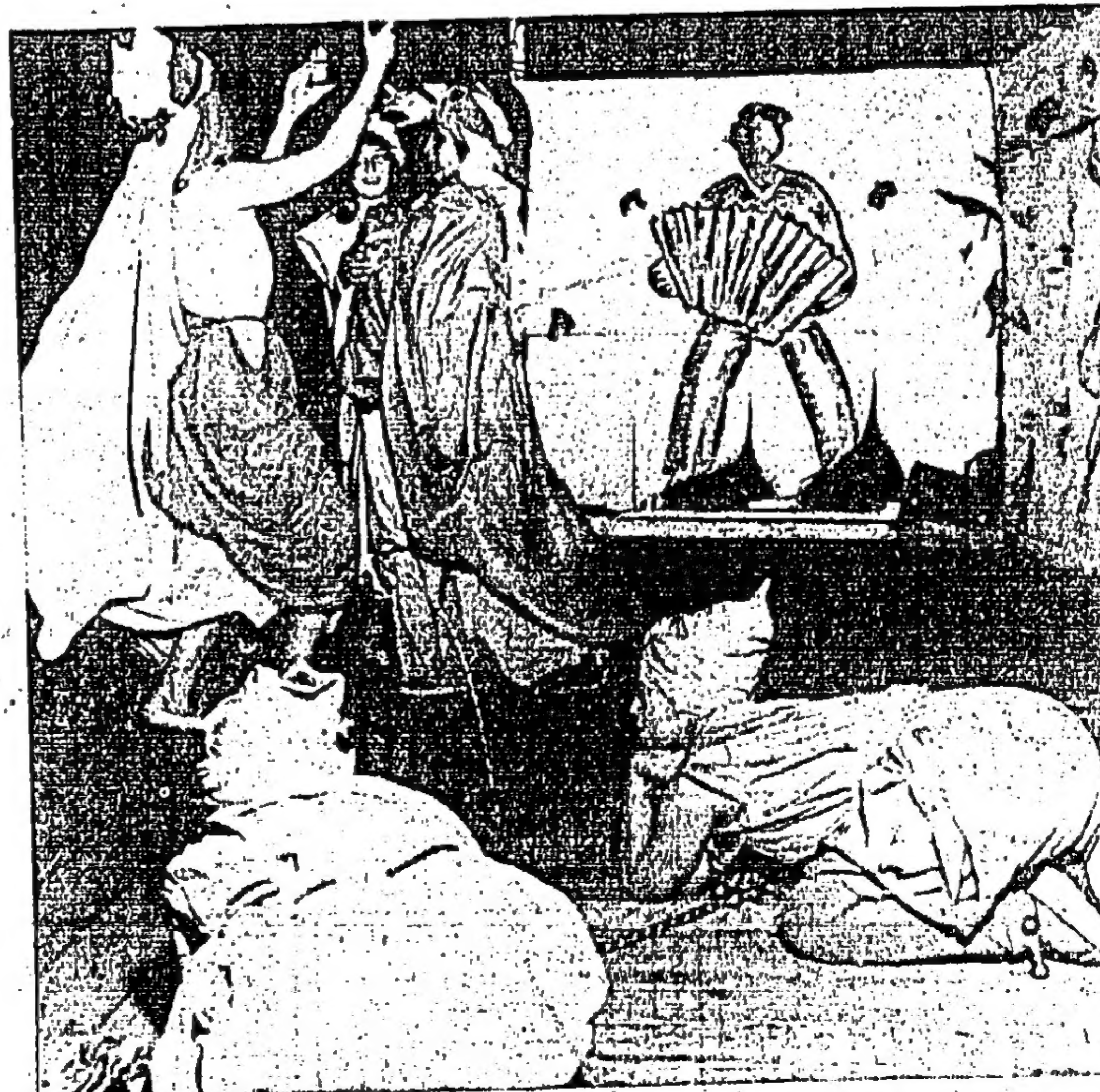
TWO LITTLE GIRLS—Six-year-old Mardee Greenfield of the Bronx, New York, gets acquainted with Aunty Pollution, an orphan bear cub, at the New York National Sportsmen's Show. Aunty Pollution is part of a State Conservation Department exhibit.



PLACE OF HONOUR—British soldiers carry a portrait of General Dwight D. Eisenhower into the Headquarters Mess of the Royal Army Service Corps Training Centre at Aldershot. Donated by the Quartermaster Association of America, the portrait will be placed among the pictures of other great World War II leaders.



LAZING IN THE SUN—Pretty Martha Cooke sits on a corral fence in the Valley of the sun, near Phoenix, Arizona, and sings about life in the wide open spaces.



BALLET IN ISRAEL—During an open-air folk dance for Israeli troops at a camp in Israel, the ballet of Russian-trained dancer Rina Nilkova was the principal attraction. Here the ballet group performs a Biblical dance.

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LOST ILLUSION

BY

FREDA UTLEY

I HAD my first intimate experience with the free medical service and hospitals, which foreign visitors to the Soviet Union describe in such glowing terms, during my second winter in Moscow.

I was pregnant, and foolish enough, on New Year's Eve, to carry home 22 pounds of potatoes. The tram, as usual, was chock full and I was rather badly pushed about.

I reached home exhausted, and by midnight I was ill. Next morning I had a miscarriage.

The doctor to whose services my trade union membership entitled me arrived about six hours later and was obviously not a doctor at all, but a bedridden, dirty, haggard young woman whom I would not have allowed to touch me. Her only use to me was to sign the necessary certificate for my office that I was ill.

By evening the pain lessened, and the real doctor said if the pain returned I must go to the nearest "abortion house."

Next day at noon I was in agony, and moved to the hospital. I was strapped down upon an operating table and operated by a "surgeon" who did not even wash her hands. I was given no chloroform and the pain was excruciating. Then I was taken upstairs to a small room about 12 by 12 feet, with five beds in it. I was given an ice pack, and then they left me. No one came near me, no one washed me.

There was no nurse or attendant of any kind. The other patients begged me for the piece of soap I had, brought with me. I was the only one of the five patients who had soap, and none was provided by the hospital.

No Attention

THE following morning, after a breakfast of this gruel, I was ordered to get up and go downstairs. I protested that I was bleeding and should not walk. No one paid any attention. Downstairs, I was again put on the table, held down by four attendants, and operated on again.

I had been suffering for 48 hours; the pain was agonising; the place was filthy. When I asked for something to wipe away the blood, the nurse picked a dirty piece of cotton off the floor and handed it to me.

I determined to get out of this terrible "hospital" before I caught some awful disease. I sent a note to Arcadi. At first they wouldn't allow me to go, but after he told them I was an English journalist, they got frightened. A nice, clean young woman doctor speaking French came to see me. She finally explained to me that the first "doctor" had forgotten to write down on my case sheet that I had already

been operated upon; hence the second ordeal.

When I returned to Moscow in September 1931, after three months in England, I found my husband very nervous and worn out. Conditions for the non-Party men were such that most of his time and energy were wasted. Whatever he did to improve efficiency would be undone by someone else. Moreover, Arcadi was in constant danger of being arrested as the scapegoat for the mistakes of his Communist Party supervisors.

Arcadi finally broke down when he went on a Komandirovka to Odessa in April 1932. He came back white, miserable, shaken. In the south he had seen the starving and the dead in the streets. At each railway station there had been hundreds and hundreds of starving

This is the seventh instalment of the life story of an English woman who became an ardent Communist and went to live in Russia. Now reconverted, she sounds a convincing warning against the Red menace.

wretches—emaciated women with staring bulges at their milkless breasts, children with the swollen stomachs of famine—all begging, begging for bread. In station waiting rooms he had seen numberless peasant families herded together awaiting transportation to concentration camps. He saw children dying of starvation and typhus, scavengers of men and women pushed and kicked by the OGPU guards. It sickened even those of us who were hardened to the sight of suffering in the Far East.

From relatives in Odessa Arcadi learned of the Ukrainian famine. The picture seemed him to the soul and shattered the optimistic view he insisted upon preserving, but bore out all we had heard. It, in fact, was worse.

Bodies of the starving lay in the streets, and pitiful wrecks of humanity with great watery blisters and boils on their feet, legs, and arms, dragged themselves from place to place till they died in the vain quest for work and food.

In the summer we went on a holiday to the Crimea, taking with us my mother, who had just come from England. We left Moscow well provided with food for the long journey. By the end of the first day, my mother had given it all away to the starving wretches. That journey was an ordeal I shall never forget. It was a sea of misery, which the few bits of food we had could do nothing to assuage.

"Totia dai Kleb, Totia dai Kleb" (Auntie, give bread), will always ring in my ears as the national song of "Socialist Russia."

As in China, so in Russia you had to harden yourself to the sight of suffering in order to live. But at least in China the government does not hold it a crime to give aid to the starving. In Russia the officials told you the starving were Kulaks or counter-revolutionaries not to be helped, although in reality they were bewildered, ignorant, powerless wretches sacrificed to the insane ambitions and fanaticism of a man and a party.

Party Aristocracy

IN the rest home in the Crimea, there was abundant food—so abundant that bread and fruit, ice and cakes were thrown away when left on the plates of the guests. This rest home belonged to the Soviets of the Crimean Republic, and we were there by the grace of Berkinghof, whom we had known in London.

It was so very "upper class Communist" it gave us an insight into Party aristocracy. This new Soviet aristocracy, its hangers-on were even more grasping—cruel, and—ruthless than the old Tsarist aristocracy which had lived in conditions of less general want and misery.

Arcadi, now revolted by the cruelty of the Communist Party and its perversion of the Revolution, doubted whether there was any practical alternative to Stalin's "socialism." Although he was convinced that the gravest mistakes had been made, he was doubtful how they could now ever be remedied.

Most Horrible

OF all the cruel acts of Stalin, the most horrible was the provision for the liquidation of the older homeless children. In 1935, when by decree the death penalty for theft was made applicable to children from the age of 12, the police were given the power to rid Soviet society of the unwanted children of the unfortunate.

If your mother and father are docile, careful never to breathe a word of criticism of the government, work hard, and are lucky, you may get a different sort of education. You may learn how wonderful Communism is, how many tons of iron and steel the Soviets can produce, and how much more terrible is the life of the working class in the capitalist United States of America than in Russia.

You will be taught to sing patriotic songs and do military

exercises and worship the great Stalin. You may even get the chance later to study to be an engineer or a pilot, or be trained for some other profession, if your social origins are all right and if you have carefully conformed throughout your school life.

If you are the son or daughter of a prominent Party member, the way will be made smooth for you and you will enjoy the same privileges as the children of the rich in any capitalist country. You go to a select school with airy classrooms and best teachers. At home you have a room of your own, to study in and plenty of books instead of trying, like children of the workers, to do your homework in a small room in which your father and mother, brothers and sisters live and sleep.

You will sleep in a good bed, not on the floor. You eat the best food and long holidays in the country instead of feeding on black bread, cabbage soup and cucumbers, and spending the hot summer in the city.

Equality of opportunity in the Soviet Union is a myth. There are different schools for the masses and for the Communist aristocracy. There can be no equality in educational opportunity where some children are undernourished and housed little better than pigs, while others live in comparative luxury.

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'It's A1 at Lloyd's' Is Challenged

By MONTAGUE LACEY

A1 AT LLOYD'S—the London-made guarantee of every good ship—is under fire from the United States. The men who run America's ships want to chisel away Britain's world monopoly of this famous phrase, and replace it with an O.K. of their own.

Lloyd's are going to fight to safeguard A1—a phrase built up during 150 years, and now so well accepted that it is used to mean "absolutely safe" by people who have never heard of Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

The "A" means a ship's hull is strong and seaworthy, and the "1" shows that the rigging and gear are in equally perfect condition.

American world competition for the currency-earning survey work on the world's shipping has driven Lloyd's to join forces with its British rival—the Corporation Register of Shipping.

America, owing to the vast merchant fleet it built during

the war, extended its shipping activities under a body known as the Bureau of Shipping.

The bureau, which is now bidding energetically against Lloyd's, will have to compete with the combine.

Lloyd's Register started in a coffee house in the City in the 18th century. A small group of shipowners and underwriters met and drew up a set of rules for the construction of ships. Owners who subscribe to the rules have their ships "classified" and secure advantages in insurance premiums.

LLOYD'S latest shipbuilding returns announced: At the beginning of 1949, ship tonnage under construction in Great Britain and Northern Ireland exceeded by 88,044 tons the total tonnage being built by the rest of the world.

The U.K. was building 2,114,730 tons. France came second with 414,289 tons, and America third with 406,848 tons.

William Hickey

FEWER WIRES, MORE POOLS LETTERS—AND MORE TALKING

LONDON. IF YOU want to save money for the Government—don't send a wire. Telegrams are the biggest money-losers in the Post Office.

For every shilling telegram handed over the counter last year the G.P.O. paid 4½d. extra, a total loss of more than £2 million.

But SIR FRANK NEWTON THIBE, who for £3,500 a year takes up the Post Office's annual accounts, doesn't seem to worry over the red ink he uses for his telegram statistics. He points out that telegrams have always been the Cinderella of the G.P.O.—and they just never seem to meet up with Prince Profit.

Nearest they came to it was 1945, when other Government departments sent so many war telegrams that the year's debit was down to £40,000.

What is to be done? Smart advertising has given the Americans the telegram habit—and they use it for sending everything from flowers to musical birthday greetings warbled by the delivery boy.

But over here the wartime warning: "Don't send a telegram when a letter will do," has stuck. Too many people are employed sending too few messages.

ANYWAY, the rest of the Post Office's business is a money-spinner. Last year, taking off the telegram losses, the profit was £19 million. More than half of that came from taking in other Government departments' washing—posting ration books, handling family allowances, petrol rationing, pensions.

The rest came from postage on football pools and telephones. Fans and pools firms mailed 642 million letters in 1948, out of a total of 7,600 million.

And people not only gambled more—they talked more. Local telephone calls were up by seven percent, and trunk calls are now double the prewar figure.

All this business helps to give the G.P.O. assets valued today at £437,084,000.

But it won't get us more up-to-date telephones than those scratchy instruments so many thousands are using at the moment. Cost of replacing present equipment alone is put at £500 million.

NO MATTER what the weather is like, it will be "Oh—What a Beautiful Morning" for shareholders in London's largest playhouse—the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane.

For the first time since 1931 they are being paid a dividend. Their chairman, Prince Littler, announces a profit of £38,750 on the year's business—thanks to "Oklahoma!"

IN a Bond Street window two pictures were put on show—one of a lovely girl staring through an open window, with only a transparent wisp to keep off the winter winds; the other, a still life of the left-overs from two well-eaten places. The girl is still for sale. The fish bones went on the first day.

It is all part of a sudden rush by picture-fanciers to buy macabre subjects.

To satisfy the trend, galleries are displaying paintings by two specialists in grim subjects: PAUL DELVAUX and JAMES ENSOR, both Belgians.

Delvaux likes to paint such subjects as girls being embraced by skeletons, often with a nasty little man in a bowler hat looting in the background.

Ensor likes the skeletons, too; groups of them, in top hats, warming themselves around a fire.

His best-selling reproduction at the moment is a jolly little number showing a hideously wrinkled old woman lying in bed, surrounded by medicine bottles. Title: MY MOTHER DEAD.

NEWEST exercise in making your eyes do one thing, your ears do another—and your brain cope with both.

Regular performer is television chief NORMAN COLLINS, who often finds one of his video shows clashes with something he wants to hear on the Light programme. He takes in both by turning down the sound on his television set and keeping his eye on the screen while listening to — say — Much-tingles-in-the-Marsh on his normal radio.

IF you've got a girl with you and you're out to celebrate her birthday and you think it might be nice for the band to play "Happy Birthday"—well, sit, pick the right place before-hand.

At a West End dinner-dance spot the other day the old-fashioned request was met with: Yes, sir—but that'll be drinks all round for the band. Which would have put more than £2 on the host's bill.

And apparently there are mugs who pay up!

AH! AH! Misrepresentation can mean different things to different people.

The Socialists have just brought out a new local newspaper in West London—called THE FULHAM VOICE.

It will attack, they say, the "lies, misrepresentations, and false claims of the Tories."

On the same page as this "dedication" THE VOICE prints a picture of a slum house. And underneath is printed: "The sort of slum houses Labour had to clear away in Fulham."

THE VOICE should speak a little more explicitly: the picture is an old one of Welford Terrace S.W.9, which—far from having been "cleared away"—has recently changed hands, advertised as good for another 50 years.

WHAT is a LITTLEBUTTERWEEK? It's the thing which 13-year-old EAT RICH dislikes more than anything in the world. She told WILFRED PICKLES so when his "Have a Go" show went to a Castleford secondary school.

Translated Littlebutterweek means the week when you get only 2 ozs. of butter and 4 ozs. of margine instead of 4 ozs. of each.

THE time seems ripe to (a) release the CHARLIE CHAPLIN film "Monsieur Verdoux"; (b) put on the new ROBERT NEWTON film, "Obsession." Newton plays a Harley Street doctor who kidnaps his wife's lover, keeps him a prisoner in a West End dungeon and prepares to kill him, using a special acid "which completely dissolves the body."

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Footnote

By Ernie Bushmiller



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Moscow Radio Up In Arms Against Atlantic Pact

Most U.S. Newspapers In Favour Of Pact

Washington, Mar. 20.—Although the great majority of United States newspapers supported the Atlantic Pact, some regarded the United States entry into it as a potentially dangerous move.

Some comments were: The New York World Telegram: "This historic document has been forced by necessity. The value of the pact will depend on the speed with which our Allies will help, can create an adequate unified defence without going either military or bankrupt."

The Miami Daily News: "This is a critical moment in history, a turning point for better or worse in world relations."

The Chicago Tribune: "If the State Department has its way, the United States will be plunged eternally into the rancours and wars of Europe. There is nothing in American history corresponding to this treaty's bare-faced assumption that any war anywhere in Europe for any cause is of such concern to this country as automatically to cause us to fight."

The Charlotte News (North Carolina): "There is much talk about the pact being a moral and legal commitment to war. This nation has a practical commitment to oppose Russian aggression with American force."

WORLD COMMENT
The Indian Congress newspaper Hindustan Times commented today that the Atlantic Pact was "a testimony to the fact that the United Nations could not guarantee security."

The British-owned "Statesman" said: "The time may come when westerners will be grateful to the Russians for having made them exert themselves."

The Australian opposition leader, Mr. Herbert Menzies, had the Atlantic Pact as a regional organisation "with reality and strength—the best news the world has had since the war."

He added: "Why should not Australia, New Zealand, India, Pakistan, South Africa and other nations, not now parties to the pact but sharing our ideals of peace, join in?"

The Austrian Minister of the Interior, Mr. Hans Oskar, said today that Austria must treat the Atlantic Pact with care to avoid being drawn into the "whirlpool of world politics."

Speaking at Buchberg, lower Austria, the Minister said that Austria, "jammed between the east and west," could only look for protection from all the people of the world.—Reuter.

FRENCH ELECTIONS

Govt. Parties Take An Early Lead

Paris, Mar. 20.—Unofficial results of the French Council elections at 1 a.m. Paris time, when 155 seats were decided, were: Socialists 27, Radical Socialists 37, Popular Republicans seven, Republican Party of Liberty two, de Gaulle Rally of the French People 43, Independent Republicans 23, Communists four, others 12.

Premier Henri Queuille's coalition government candidates led in the early returns from the nationwide Council elections which are expected to show whether France is moving Left or Right.

Results from 107 of 1,508 seats being contested showed the Government Parties leading with 57. Outstanding among these were the Socialists with 23 and the Radical Socialists with 23.

Other known results included General Charles de Gaulle's Rally of the French People (RPF) with 24, Independent Republicans 17 and Communists one only.

The tabulation does not include splinter Parties' seats won. The Communists, however, are piling up a heavy popular vote. The results are inconclusive in many cantons, meaning that runoff elections will be necessary next Sunday.—United Press.

Conference On Arab Refugees

Beirut, Mar. 20.—Delegates from seven Arab countries arrived here today for a conference on the 800,000 Arab refugees in Palestine, called for tomorrow by the United Nations Conciliation Committee.

The Arabs and members of the Conciliation Committee met separately this afternoon.—Reuter.

SIMILAR PLAN FOR PACIFIC FORECAST

London, Mar. 20.—Moscow Radio, in a vigorous campaign against the Atlantic Pact, said today that a similar agreement for the Pacific area would be a supplement to the general "Anglo-American" Plan for domination.

Presumably trying to draw nations away from the pact, Moscow Radio broadcast thousands of words in its most intense effort since the cold war began.

During the course of the broadcast, it said that India, Pakistan, New Zealand, Australia, Ceylon and Canada could be expected as possible members of a Pacific pact, as the "obedient tools of the Anglo-Americans."

Time after time the broadcast said that Russia—if given a chance—could lead the world to peace. Time after time it claimed that the West was heading for disaster.

Moscow's propaganda statements—12 in 18 hours—virtually ended a roll of the waverer countries. This is what Moscow had to say about:

ITALY—Italy's signing of the Atlantic pact would violate the Italian peace treaty, but the treaty had already been violated because American forces were operating in Italy's former North African colonies and units of the American Navy were "based" at Italian ports. The Italian peace provided that all occupation forces should leave the country.

AUSTRIA—Reports that Austria might be invited into the Atlantic pact have "evoked strong indignation from progressive-minded people in Austria."

SPAIN—The United States was trying to sneak Spain into the Atlantic pact and thereby had established air bases there, shipping equipment from German arms plants.

SWEDEN—Major General Nils Svedlund, Chief of the Swedish Defence Staff, by making statements in violation of trust, was trying to push Sweden into the embrace of Anglo-American imperialism.

BRITISH CHARGE DENIED
The broadcast contained a denial of the recent British charge that Bulgaria, Roumania and Hungary had plotted with Russia to build armies larger than their peace treaties allowed, and there were a few side references to a possible Mediterranean pact.

Radio Moscow was equally scathing toward Scandinavia and France. It said of Scandinavia generally: American imperialists intend to subjugate Scandinavia with the object of establishing military strong points.

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Russian Charges Against British In Berlin

"DELAYING RESTITUTION OF SOVIET PROPERTY"

Berlin, Mar. 20.—Marshal Vassili Sokolovsky, the Soviet Military Governor, in a letter to General Sir Brian Robertson, the British Military Governor, today charged that the British authorities were "deliberately delaying" restitution shipments to the Soviet Union.

The letter further alleged that no effort was being made to find Soviet property, including industrial machinery and raw materials, still hidden by the Germans in the British-occupied zone.

Gigantic Narcotics Ring Smashed

New York, Mar. 20.—The police said today that they had cracked a giant narcotics racket with the aid of a woman detective who posed as a maid in the rooming house where ring leaders had stored nearly US\$2,000,000 worth of pure cocaine.

The detectives seized two brothers, Ralph and John Lopez, and Jose Gonzales and described them as "nationwide distributors who sold cocaine in large cities across the country."

In the rooming house, detectives found a large suitcase crammed with 110 to 115 ounces of pure cocaine, which would be worth US\$1,000,000 when diluted and packed in capsules.

The police said Detective Marcel Leonard got a job as a domestic in the building where the men had rented a two-room apartment. Two narcotics squad detectives and two Federal narcotics agents closed in on the men last night.

The police said that when the detectives seized the suitcase of drugs, the men offered them a \$15,000 bribe and a cut of any future business if the detectives would not arrest them.—United Press.

Warning To Jurors

A warning to jurors who have not registered for jury service for the current jury year was made by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Pulse Judge) in the Supreme Court this morning.

His Lordship said that jurors should have registered at the beginning of the current year, which meant that those not having registered on or after December 1, 1948, should do so without delay.

Mr. George Edwards, clerk to the Pulse Judge, informed jurors who had not registered for the current year to register immediately with Miss Ezra, the confidential secretary in charge of registration, whose office is on the ground floor of the Supreme Court building.

YU HAN-MOU IN NANKING

Nanking, Mar. 21.—Generals Yu Han-mou and Chang Fah-kuei arrived in Nanking by air yesterday from Canton.

General Chang told Reuters that he had come to report to Acting President Li Tsung-jen on the situation in Kwangtung.

General Yu Han-mou who again denied Chinese press reports of an alleged revolt in Swatow, had a long conference after his arrival with General Chen Cheng, Governor of Taiwan Island.—Reuter-AAP.

"Cold War" Spreads To Cosmic Field

Moscow, Mar. 20.—The cosmic origin of meteorites was first discovered by a Russian nearly 200 years ago, according to a speaker at a Soviet Conference of Meteorites, which ended here yesterday.

The discovery was made in 1794 by Kladny, a member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, when he examined the "Pallas Iron" meteorite found in Siberia 200 years ago, the Secretary of the Meteorites Committee, M. Krinov, claimed.

The Western European countries had "ridiculed" Kladny's arguments and maintained that the fall of a meteorite from the heavens was impossible, he said.

"Kladny was the first in the world to give a correct scientific materialist conception to the fall of the meteorites," M. Krinov said.—Reuter.

Sampan Robbery Recalled

The story of the robbery of a sampan near Tai Mui, off Hong Kong, was told by Crown Counsel when the trial of Lau Kau-kei, 28, charged with having robbed, with others not in custody, Lau Shui-in of 59 tins of peanut oil on or about October 26, 1948, opened before 35 Justices (Pulse Judge) at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Mr. A. Hoolan (Crown Counsel), assisted by Det.-Insp. C. Askew is prosecuting. Accused is not legally represented.

Opening for the Crown, Mr. Hoolan said that on October 24 last year the complainant, (Lau Shui-in), was engaged by a firm in Sun Mei, in Chinese territory, to carry 59 tins of peanut oil to Hong Kong.

As he was approaching Tai Mui at about 7 am on October 26, he saw a boat approaching manned by three men, two of whom had handcuffs over their faces, while the third wore a pair of sun glasses.

The masked men, one of whom was armed with a pistol and the other with a chopper, boarded complainant's sampan.

They ordered complainant and his crew below deck, and landed the sampan off Tai Mui. The cargo of oil was then removed and complainant and his crew were tied up and placed in a cave where they spent the night of October 26. The following day complainant and his fellow inmates were taken to Kowloon, where they reported to the Police.

About three weeks later accused was arrested near where the alleged robbery took place. A tin and two bottles containing peanut oil were recovered.

After that accused volunteered certain statements to the Police, on which, if his Lordship should admit them as evidence, the prosecution would rely very largely, Counsel said. The trial is proceeding.

The newspaper, organ of the Soviet Administration, described the group as the "first of a series."

The British note, republished on Wednesday, said Russia still held about 200,000 Germans. Although she had agreed on at least six occasions to return them all speedily.—United Press.

Radio Hongkong

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Attack On Woman Alleged

A man's alleged attack on a woman in Wongneichong Road, Happy Valley, on the morning of December 23 last was described before the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, at the Criminal Sessions this morning, when Li Wah, 31, unemployed, was charged with assaulting Chan Ming, 28, with intent to rob her. He denied the offence.

Mr. M. Heenan (Crown Counsel), who prosecuted, assisted by Det. Sub-Inspector J. R. Sykes, said that the woman, who was a cook employed at No. 10 Yuk Sau Street, second floor, was walking near the Hongkong Jockey Club's main entrance when she saw Chinese in dark clothing walking in front of her. He turned round and walked past her, then came from behind and struck her on the side of the face.

They alighted and pulled the accused from the woman. Both of them, and the woman, positively identified the accused as the attacker.

The trial is proceeding.

Jews Sentenced

Baghdad, Mar. 20.—Seven Jews were recently sentenced to death in absentia for joining the Israeli army, it was disclosed today.

The charge was "joining enemy forces in Palestine"—United Press.

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"Easter's so late this year, I'm certainly not going to be able to wait till then to buy a brand new spring outfit!"

WEEK-END CRICKET

IRC Juniors Win Second Division Championship

CRAIGENGOWER UPSET THE OPTIMISTS

In a week-end of upsets in League Cricket, the Indian Recreation Club juniors were the only team to run to form and they won the Second Division Championship as a result of a victory by seven wickets over the RAF juniors.

Craigengower scored the upset of the season when they defeated the Optimists by 25 runs at Chater Road as Billmorla and Crabtree dismissed one of the best batting sides in the League for 88 runs.

The best bowling and batting performances of the week-end, the former the best of the year, were returned in the same match as University beat IRC by four wickets in the Senior Division match at Sookunpoo yesterday.

SEVEN-A-SIDE RUGBY

The Tamar Tigers Were Unlucky

By "SIDELINER"

A large crowd witnessed the final games in the Annual Charity Seven-a-Side Rugger Competition played on the Club ground at Happy Valley on Saturday afternoon and saw the Club "A" win the coveted Blarney Stone Shield.

Of the teams which competed in the quarter-finals, the Tamar Tigers led by Cdr. Dalglish, were the most impressive and played more as a team than any other side on view on Saturday afternoon.

They were unlucky to succumb to Club "A" in the semi-finals by 8 points to 6, after leading 6-0 up to the last two minutes of the game.

SEMI-FINALS

Gunnery "A" v. Civil Service
Right from the whistle the Civil Service plumed the Gunnery in their half of the field by sheer weight. In the very first minute of the game, Morgan obtained the ball from a scrum and went over for a score. The Gunnery lacked their opponents' weight and lost out heavily in the scrum.

In the second half Allwright (C.S.) was spectacular with his clearances to touch and it was from a line-out scramble on his own 25 after one of Allwright's clearances that Swayne (Gunnery) obtained the ball and ran through the Civil Service defence to score. Tucker converted.

Taking the kick-off with less than a minute to play Civil Service, using their weight, literally steam-rolled the ball down the field to the opposition's goal-line where the referee awarded a penalty against the Gunnery for holding the ball when tackled. The penalty was scored and Civil Service entered the final 0-5.

Tamar Tigers v. Club "A"
The Tigers led by Dalglish appeared to have their opponents' number and soon after the start Hink almost broke through along the side lines but finding himself about to be tackled passed to Siobombe who scored at the side of the field. McClement failed to convert from a difficult angle.

J. Henderson was a hard-working scrum-half but the Club's attack was spoilt by fumbles and poor passing by the forwards.

From a line-out the ball travelled the breadth of the field to Matheson of the Tigers, who scored easily.

Again McClement failed to convert from in front of the goal. The ball rebounded after striking one of the uprights.

Two minutes from time, do Rome obtained the ball on his own 25 and broke through to score an individual try between the posts. Henderson converted and the score became 6-5.

From the ensuing kick-off the ball fell loose. Farquharson picked it up on the run and when tackled passed to Forsgate who went over almost on time.

The try was unconverted but it was enough. The Tigers were all-out in the remaining seconds but failed to reach the goal line. Club "A" entered the final 8-6.

FINAL

Club "A" v. Civil Service
From the spectators' point of view, the final game was disappointing to say the least. Both teams had played two hard and fast games to enter the final and the older Civil Service team evidently felt the effect most of their play in the final lacked the sparkle and dogged perseverance they showed in the previous two games.

From the kick-off the Civil Service attacked and a penalty was kicked just before the half. Then the Club forwards got going but a fine passing movement came to naught when de Rome failed to hold a pass. However, he made ample amends the very next moment when he caught the ball and kicked ahead. Following up, he caught his own kick and scored. Henderson missed the conversion.

After the restart Club again brought the ball far into the Civil Service's area but the ball was cleared by Allwright. A half time came with Club leading 3-0.

Immediately after the restart, Nolan broke through to score between the posts. Henderson made no mistake with the conversion this time.

The Civil Service players were tiring rapidly but all were game. Morgan time and again tried to run through the Club team on his own but D. Henderson and de Rome always managed to catch him before he could do any damage.

Fitzroy-Williams added a second unconverted try, when he bulled his way over the goal-line near the corner flag.

A few minutes from time D. Henderson obtained the ball from a fine passing movement and went over for another touchdown which was unconverted.

The score stood at 14-0 in favour of Club "A" when the whistle ended the game, no doubt a sound very welcome to all the players.

THE TEAMS

Club "A" (Champions).—D. Fitzroy-Williams, H. M. Forsgate, P. Farquharson, J. R. Henderson, D. T. Nolan, D. M. Henderson and R. A. de Rome. Civil Service (Runners-up).—R. Wynard, K. B. Baker, G. A. R. Wright-Nooth, T. O. Morgan, J. Small, W. C. Allwright and J. Warne.

RECORD BREAKER



Miss Inge Renner, third year medical student, who was the only record breaker in the Annual University Athletic Meet at Pokfulam on Saturday. Miss Renner, who is 5 feet 3 inches tall and weighs 114 lb., broke by one-tenth of a second the 100 yards record set by Miss Phyllis Grose in 1937, setting up a new standard of 13.2 seconds. She also won the Long Jump and was third in the High Jump.

She did 13.2 seconds for 100 metres as a school-girl in Shanghai.—Photo by Ming Yuen.

University Sports Come Home Again

By "RECORDER"

The University Annual Athletic Meet was concluded at Pokfulam on Saturday, at home again after a lapse of eight years with the usual flag-waving, extra-creamy cakes, lemonade, little children keeping the clerks of the course in a continual state of exasperation and dogs of every breed barking at one another.

The man who made it all largely possible by a fund-raising expedition among the Alumni in Malaya, Dr Lee Hah-long, holder of the 100 yards flat record in 10 seconds dead since 1931, appropriately won the "Graduates" Race over the same distance in "about 11 seconds", the announcer declared.

There was the usual intense rivalry and a thrilling finish as Rice's Joe Hotung was carried off the field by Rice's cheering section, dressed up very much like a football squad. He had brought Rice in third in the One Mile Relay as May Hall came in first. The final score: Rice Hall, 64; May Hall, 63.

May Hall was originally announced as scoring 61 points, but this was a mistake of the scorers. The general standard, except in the throwing events, was poor, the women turning up the only new University record as Miss Inge Renner won the 100 yards sprint by a yard from Miss Maria Braga in 13.2 seconds, a tenth of a second faster than the record set up by Miss Phyllis Grose in 1937.

The Women's Championship was as close as the Inter-House.

Best Performances In Week-End Cricket

BATTING

D. Chelliah (University v IRC)	81
D. McLellan (Occasionals v Comb. Honors)	72
C. Blott (Comb. Honors v Occasionals)	69
M. W. Holme (Army v IRC)	50*
R. W. Franklin (Comb. Honors v Occasionals)	50
S. Hanchand (Craigengower v Optimists)	53
H. M. Newton (Occasionals v Comb. Honors)	43
J. D. Burton (Army v IRC)	41
W/Cdr. A. D. Pantou (RAF v KCC)	37*
*Not Out.	

BOWLING

T. H. Lean (University v IRC)	9-29
F/O. E. N. Gambrell (RAF v KCC)	6-16
D. Banton (Army v IRC)	6-35
P. J. Billmorla (CCC v Optimists)	5-34
A. Hodgson (RAF v KCC)	4-22
G. E. Taylor (KCC v RAF)	4-23

JUNIOR CHAMPIONS

The IRC 2nd XI, in many respects a First Division team if judged only on performances turned up by its members when playing in the First Division, had the RAF juniors, a much-weakened team compared to what it was in early season, all out for 46 as F. M. El Arculli took four wickets for five runs and A. M. Rumjahn 4 for 15.

In return IRC knocked up 98 runs, a comparatively low score for the side, with Ismail Ali (25) and A. K. Markar (21) the top-scorers.

BIGGEST UPSET

Upset of the year was Craigengower's victory over the Optimists as the Valley's "New Look in the Field" team made short work of the Optimists following what was for them a mammoth score—113 runs.

S. Hanchand, who started the season well and then hit a patch of "ducks," hit up 53 runs for his highest League score of the year.

Another highest score of the year in the League was J. D. Burton's 41 runs for Army against IRC. Burton, who is a steady but slow-scoring opening bat, had not been doing too well throughout the season.

University's show against IRC—following all the talk about J. M. Gosano being a major loss to the side—augured well for next season, as did Craigengower's against the Optimists and Army's against IRC.

All in all, it takes end-of-season careers to bring the best out of some. Occasionals, in their match against Combined Honors, discovered that if such star batsmen as N. R. Oliver and O. J. Kerr could not always be depended upon, they still had D. McLellan to knock up a most desirable 72.

HOW THEY STAND

Recreo	P	W	D	L	T	pts
Gunnery	10	3	4	4	4	43
Army	17	10	3	4	4	43
University	10	9	5	0	5	41
Optimists	10	7	9	0	3	31
KCC	17	6	5	6	2	26
RAF	15	4	4	11	1	19
IRC	10	4	3	12	1	14
Craigengower	17	3	2	12	1	14
May Hall	17	2	2	13	1	10

TONIGHT'S BADMINTON

7.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Singles): R.M. Soares v K.P. Chong.	
8.00 p.m. (Junior Mixed Doubles): C. Quinn and Miss Y. Franco v A.L. Fisher and Mrs. Anderson.	
8.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Singles): J.A. Soares v K.S. Theong.	
9.00 p.m. (Junior Mixed Doubles): D.C. Lau and Miss H. Kwong v F.M. Ribeiro and Mrs. O. Lawrence.	

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RECORD FEES IN THIS YEAR'S SOCCER TRANSFER MARKET

London, Mar. 20.—Amid a flurry of activity, the soccer transfer market concluded big business for the 1948-49 season this week. The Football League regulations state that after the 16th day of March each year, registrations and transfers may be declined or may only be approved subject to such limitations and restrictions as the management Committee may determine.

In short, players signed from March 17 onwards are not eligible to take part in matches affecting teams in the areas of promotion and relegation.

The League clubs between them have paid somewhere in the region of £1,000,000 in transfer fees during the course of the present season, which opened on August 23.

What the figure will reach by the end of the season, on May 7, is not yet known, but it is sure to be many thousands more. Although the transfer ban came on at midnight on Wednesday, players can still be transferred but their new clubs will have to gain special permission from the Football League to play them.

A glance at the list of transfers completed since the season began shows that the fee ran to five figures in about 30 of the deals.

WORLD RECORD

A world record was established recently when Derby County paid Manchester United £24,000 for Johnny Morris, and other transactions of £20,000 or over concerned Eddie Kishaw, from Bury to Sheffield Wednesday, and George Robledo, from Barnsley to Newcastle United.

All these three are forwards, who command bigger fees than players in other positions. Other forwards who have changed clubs for fees of £18,000 are Andy Donaldson, from Newcastle United to Middlesbrough, Ivor Broadis, Carlisle United to Sunderland, and Johnny Downie, from Bradford to Manchester United.

Four half backs also fetch huge fees, the largest this season being £17,500 for the Welsh international, Ivor Powell, from Queen's Park Rangers to Aston Villa; £16,000 was paid by Sheffield United to Brentford for their centre-half and captain, Jack Chisholm, while Frank Mitchell cost Chelsea £15,000 from Birmingham.

The largest fee for a full back was £10,000 recently for Thomas Aherne, the Irish international, who joined Luton Town from Belfast Celtic.

CUSTODIANS ARE CHEAPER

Not one goalkeeper transferred during the season cost such a sum. The most outstanding was that of Billy Hughes, who was sent from Tottenham Hotspur to Blackburn Rovers on an exchange basis. Within a fortnight, he had gained a Welsh international cap.

Birmingham City have been the club most concerned in the transfer market. They have paid out some £58,000 for six new men, but in return have collected £40,000 for three leading players they have allowed to go.

Newcastle United, who are next on the list, have more than balanced their budget by disposing of several players, although they paid about £50,000 for new men.

Aston Villa have paid out about £44,000 while Sheffield Wednesday Cardiff City, Sunderland, Sheffield United, Leicester City, Fulham and Blackburn Rovers have parted with £30,000 or more.—Reuter.

The Week-End Scoreboard

FOOTBALL GOVERNOR'S CUP FINAL

HKFA	3	CNAAF	2
Kitcher	4	St Joseph's	1
S. China "A"	1	Eastern	0
Kwong Wah	2	KMB	0

SECOND DIVISION

Navy	2	Club	0
Army H.K.	3	Dockyard	2
Kitcher	2	PCA	1
Solicitors	1	KMB	4
St Joseph's	0	Army (K)	0
South China	2	Talkoo	2

HOCKEY

Cable & W.	1	Recreo	3
Army	2	Police	2
Khalas	2	Civil Service	0
Navy	2	Dutch HC	0
University	0	Dockyard	2
YMCA	0	RAF	7

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Khalas	10	4	4	2	20	10	14
Police	10	9	4	6	30	22	22
RAF	20	9	2	9	41	35	20

Service: 18 8 1 9 43 17
Dutch HC: 10 6 3 9 20 22 15
University: 20 6 15 23 44 12
C & W: 10 4 2 12 22 27 10
Dockyard: 10 10 1 1 21 28 9
RC: 10 10 1 0 14 6 22

RUGGER SEVEN-A-SIDE

Civil Service	0	Tonbridge	0
Club "A"	0	Minor Units	0
Gunnery "A"	3	Club S.	0
Tamar Tigers	5	Club "B"	3

SEMI-FINALS

Civil Service	6	Gunnery "A"	5
Club "A"	8	Tamar Tigers	6

FINAL

Club "A"	14	Civil Service	0
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SOFTBALL INTERNATIONAL FINALS

Portugal	7	Pakistan	6
Portugal	5	Great Britain	3

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Beat Six Hearts

BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

It looks as if the cocktail lounge in the New York City will become a headquarters for the post-mortems of the bridge experts. A group of us were there the other night, and Phil Doyle, the manager, was sitting at our table. Phil's brother, Itay Doyle, is general manager of Cavanaugh's Restaurant on 23rd Street in New York, and the new Cardinal is operated by the same group.

Here is a rather interesting play that we were discussing. On the opening lead of the three of diamonds, declarer decided to discard a spade from dummy and win the trick in his own hand with the ace. He then led the ten of diamonds, trumped it in dummy, and came back with the queen of spades. He took the finesse.

♠ Q74	♠ K63	♠ A10	♠ 10875432
♥ K1063	♥ A8	♥ Q6532	♥ Q9
♦ A75	♦ A97542	♦ A10	♦ None
♣ A10	♣ A10	♣ A10	♣ A10

Tournament—Both vul.
South West North East
1♥ Pass 2♠ 2♦
3♥ 4♦ 5♠
6♥ Pass 7♠ Pass Double
Opening—♠ 3 10

West won the trick with the king and immediately returned a spade, which East ruffed—and the contract was defeated. Suppose that declarer, after ruffing the ten of diamonds in dummy, had led back a small spade, played the ace, then led a small spade to the queen. West of course would have won this trick with the king, and declarer would have been able to ruff his small spade with the king of trumps, pick up the trump and the jack of spades would be good.

Some of the boys, however, were shrewd enough to see that if West refused to win the second spade trick with the king, East would ruff it with the nine of hearts, and now declarer would have to lose another spade trick. Really a pretty defence, if you could find a West player, against a six contract, who had the nerve to stay off the queen of spades with his king.

Check Your Knowledge

1. What is a ketch?
2. Where are the Frisian Islands?
3. What country has jurisdiction over the greater part of the Sahara Desert?
4. What is the freezing point of alcohol?
5. Becky Sharp is a character in what novel?
6. What is the name of the river that divides the city of Paris in two?

(Answers at foot of Column.)

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- Across
1. An aerated drink. (19)
 2. Writes his favourite dish this way. (10)
 3. A small insect. (14)
 4. A typical British greeting. (14)
 5. See 2. Down.
 6. One of the organs of breathing. (14)
 7. A lorry. (10)
 8. Vane all over again. (14)
 9. Singularly fast running part of a motor. (10)
 10. A tune, after a fashion. (15)
 11. A dial. (10)
 12. Moisture. (13)

- Down
1. Here you get the ace spading. (13-15)
 2. Close at hand. (14)
 3. Consuming. (13)
 4. Lure. (15)
 5. Wool carrier of the jewel giant. (13)
 6. Much may turn on it. (10)
 7. Could be the manner of a booting mob. (13)
 8. You would do this per the exit door. (10)
 9. He is not entered in a three-legged race. (10)
 10. See 11. Across.
 11. Another way of saying 5. (14)
 12. Quote. (14)

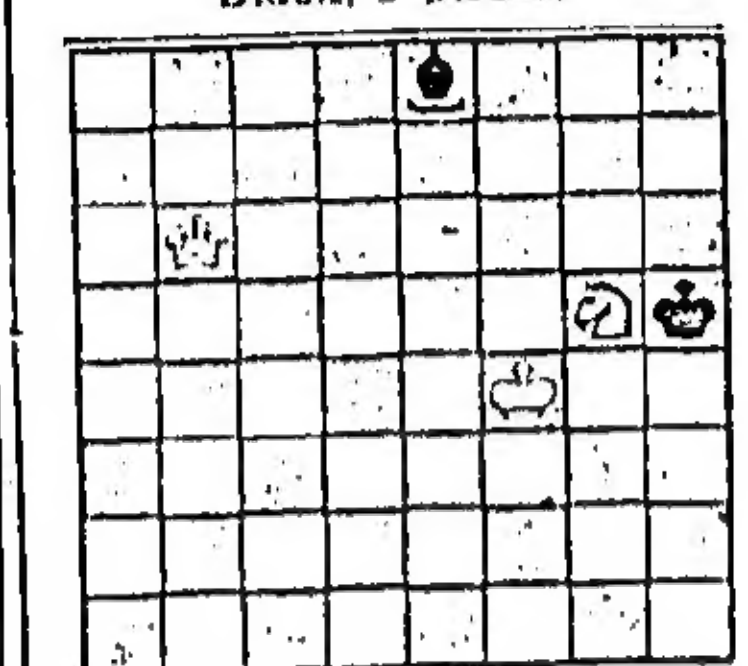
CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

- Answers
1. A small two-masted boat.
 2. In the North Sea, off the coast of Germany and Holland.
 3. France. 4. 203 degrees below zero. Fahrenheit. 5. "Vanity Fair" by William Makepeace Thackeray. 6. River Seine.

DUMB BELLS



CHESS PROBLEM

By P. BARRON
Black, 2 pieces.

White, 3 pieces.
White to play and mate in two.

Solution to Saturday's problem:
1. B-R5. 1... B-Q4; 2. R-XB; 1... R any except R-K3; 2. R-Q4 (X-R) (ch); 1... B-K5, K-B4, Kt (R8) any; 2. R-XP (ch).

BOYS AND GIRLS MAGAZINE

Christopher's New Friend

—He Was a Man All Made of Snow—

By MAX TRELL

"LAST night," Christopher Cricklet was saying to Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, "I had a talk with an ice-cold man."

"Knarf and Hanid exclaimed in one voice: 'An ice cold man! Who's that?'"

"He's made of snow," answered Christopher. "He stands at the side of the road, at the bottom of the back steps."

"Oh, that's the snow man," said Hanid. "Father and the children built him yesterday afternoon."



Christopher serenaded his new friend.

A Clear Night

"Built him? Did they?" said Christopher.

"Wondering how he got there, not having any feet or wings. Well, I noticed him last night for the first time, and as it was a clear night with the moon and the stars shining and not too cold for a little cricket like myself, I put on my woolen gloves and my coat with the high collar, and my galoshes, and I swung my guitar across my shoulders and I went down to see him. Because, I thought to myself, here's a man, standing all alone out in the open, with nothing to keep him warm but an old hat full of holes and six red wooden buttons stuck

Rupert's Elfin Bell—40



The little party goes on over the upper part of the castle, and Rupert is not yet satisfied. "Please, what happens to all the smoke when your works have taken it out of the air?" he says. "I thought you'd ask that," chuckles the elf. "That's what all those pipes are for. The smoke is sent all over the earth. Heaps of it is fed to the volcanoes; they use an awful lot during the year. Some of it is turned into fog, like the one at Nutwood now, and some is made into the thick white mist that surrounds this castle."

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According to Plan

By Harry F. O'Neill



AROUND THE WORLD

The Oldest Town in Germany

By TEMPLE MANNING

VERY ancient places sometimes just have dates to show for their antiquity, without anything interesting or picturesque in the way of ruins. But not so of Treves or Trier, the oldest town in Germany. Here, for any traveller who is keen on Roman relics, is a find, as many people have already discovered. Treves, in the valley of the Moselle, is so rich in relics that it is to all intents and purposes a Roman city, since it contains the most important remains of that age north of the Alps.

Even its name descends from those far-off days, for it is derived from a powerful tribe of Belgic Goths, the Treviri. Augustus founded a town, Augusta Treverum, for these warriors, made it a colony, and later it became a popular residence for Roman emperors. For over a century it was the centre from which Gaul, Britain and Spain were governed.

Striking Monument

The Porta Nigra, a huge fortified gateway, once part of the ancient city wall, is one of the most striking of the old monuments of Treves. It is made of huge stone blocks fastened with iron braces and without mortar. It rises to a height of three storeys and surmounts two smaller gateways, one for incoming, the other for outgoing traffic.

In the outskirts, on the opposite side of the town, is what is left of the huge Roman amphitheatre. Outlines of seats, tiers, dens for the lions and rooms for the gladiators can be distinctly traced.

There are extensive ruins of the palace that once housed the emperors of Rome. Remains include the foundation work of spacious Roman baths and the apparatus for heating them.



Porta Nigra, Treves, Germany.

The Basilica, constructed of brick during the reign of the Emperor Constantine and used for the administration of justice, now serves as a Lutheran church, or it did when last we saw it.

The Cathedral

The strangest building in Treves is the cathedral, which is heterogeneous, to say the least, since it has been constructed through the centuries from various structures. Erected as a basilica in the fourth century, it served as a market, and then was converted into a Christian church. It was destroyed by the Franks in one of their forays, then restored in 528. Later devastated by the Normans, it was reconstructed by Archbishop Poppo in the eleventh century. Added to in the twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth centuries, it is a welter of architectural styles and building materials. It is a fascinating medley of turrets and towers and galleries, and looks for all the world like an old Roman fortress.

Within its treasury, in reliquaries of Romanesque workmanship, are preserved the heads of Matthew the Apostle, and of the Empress Helena, mother of Constantine, as well as a nail from the true Cross, and what is believed to be the Holy Coat, the seamless dress worn by Christ on the day of His execution. Although antiquarians and other scholars have contested the validity of this claim, through the centuries untold thousands have flocked to the city by the Moselle when the relic has been displayed.

As for the modern city, it is a charming place which has been built out from the medieval nucleus. (Tomorrow—Science At Work)

BY THE WAY
by Beachcomber

THERE is nothing like giving Youth a chance. In America, a boy of five, "Ordained last October," married a couple, "with the assistance of his brother, aged two."

The first of these baby clergymen has, according to his father, been preaching since he was three. The second is presumably just beginning to stammer his first sermons. All this is fun, enough. But by California State law the marriage was legal, because there is no amendment to say that babies must not be clergymen. Talking of religion, I wonder who will be Miss Archbishop in the Long Beach Carnival. How the vicars-in-arms will cheer!

The recovery

A LUXURY cruise for foreign tourists along the Manchester Ship Canal is being arranged, with facilities for being ashore at Runcorn, Latchford, Warburton, and the Islam Locks Viaduct.

What on earth?

LAST March a carpenter applied for a licence to purchase eight dozen four-inch nails. Owing to a not unusual error the licence was issued recently with the word "snails" instead of nails. The local food office said that as four-inch snails were not rationed, the applicant would have to apply for a new licence. A local ironmonger, who had the nails in stock, will probably be prosecuted for not "issuing" them to the applicant, as no licence is required.

Aly Koruthaiolos

MY favourite passage so far in the first American epic poem—"The Wanderings of Ritsa Hayworth"—is this very moving picture of the lady who has been described by a film director as the Female Ulysses.

Ritsa sat facing the window in the restaurant. She nervously brushed her long hair, which fell in her eyes.

In passing

THERE was a Gascon soldier during the Napoleonic wars who was mocked by an unpleasant comrade because his family was so poor. "How do you keep yourselves warm in the winter," asked the mocker. "We burn some of the batons of the Marshalls of our family," replied the Gascon.

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

MONDAY, MARCH 21

BORN today, you have a have distinct talent if it is cunningness. You must guard against being impulsive. But don't go to the other extreme and become so full of inhibitions that you are abnormally repressed in your natural emotions. You are loving, kind and devoted to your home. But you are not one to wear your heart on your sleeve, and even those very close to you may never know your innermost thoughts.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

TUESDAY, MARCH 22

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—A fairly good day at home or for business, but avoid travel if at all possible. Be a "stay-at-home."

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Increase your personal popularity by seeing that you are well-groomed and pleasant to everyone.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Business contracts and dealings show a definite return to your advantage. Make progress now.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Partnerships, either in business or personal relations, are important. Good for marriages.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Romance is for you—if you choose it. A business promotion can mean more income, too.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—A short trip can prove advantageous—especially if it is connected with romance or marriage. An emotional day.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—A definitely stimulating day. Hold to your ideals; progress toward their realisation. This is your day!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Changes are in the air for you, so be conservative. In all business deals or romantic attachments, be sure you are not being deceived.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Guard your family circle from harm. Haste attracts hazard. Think before you act.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Contacts, made in person and by mail, can prove important to your future. Improve them now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Guard against misrepresentation of the facts, even by your closest friends. Guard your health, too.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Stick closely to routine for the best results. Important matters can wait for a better day.

More Factory Workers In Australia

Canberra, Mar. 20.—Australia's Prime Minister Mr. J. B. Chifley, said in a broadcast here today that one out of every three Australian wage-earners rely on the manufacturing industry for a living.

Since the end of the war, he said, 2,200 new projects have been announced in Australia. They were financed by Australians and from overseas—particularly from Britain and America.

Mr. Chifley said that more than 900,000 Australians are now employed in the manufacturing industry, compared with 625,000 in 1939.—Associated Press.

UK Spinners To Pay More For Cotton

Manchester, Mar. 20.—American cotton sold to British spinners by the Raw Cotton Commission will be a farthing a pound dearer from tomorrow.

In the second list of price revisions within a week, the Government-sponsored Commission announced a rise of a farthing a pound in American, Brazilian, Sao Paulo, East and West Indian, Argentine, Russian, East Indian, Peruvian, Tanganyika and Sudan Zaidab varieties.

Price cuts of two pence a pound in North Brazilian and one penny a pound in East African BP-52 were also announced.

The Commission surprised traders last Tuesday by reducing Egyptian and Sudan cotton prices by amounts ranging from one and a half pence a pound in the first midweek changes notified since it began operations 15 months ago.—Associated Press.

New Controls Reported For China

Shanghai, Mar. 21.—New economic control measures, featuring by large-scale dumping and cutting of military expenditure, are being drafted to cope with the deteriorating situation, according to press reports today.

They were said to have been discussed and decided upon by Acting President Li Tsung-jen during his weekend visit to Shanghai.

It was also reported that the tight cash situation will probably be eased somewhat today by the release of more new GY500 and GY1,000 notes.

Meanwhile, the price of rice has soared to a new record of GY6,000 per picul (170 lbs.), compared with only GY50,000 during the weekend.—Reuter.

CHICAGO GRAINS

Chicago, Mar. 19.—Grain prices on the Chicago Board of Trade today closed higher after a steady session.

Firmness in cash wheat and corn as a result of increased purchases by the Commodity Credit Corporation accounted for the higher close.

Wheat closed 1/4 to 1/4 higher, corn 1/4 to 1/4 higher.

Closing prices per bushel:

WHEAT—price per bushel	US\$2.10-1.217
May	1.90-1.90-1/4
July	1.29-1.29-1/4
Sept.	1.29-1.29-1/4
NOV.	1.29-1.29-1/4
Dec.	1.29-1.29-1/4
Jan.	1.29-1.29-1/4
Feb.	1.29-1.29-1/4
Mar.	1.29-1.29-1/4
Apr.	1.29-1.29-1/4
May	1.29-1.29-1/4
June	1.29-1.29-1/4
July	1.29-1.29-1/4

—United Press.

New York Metals

New York, Mar. 19.—The following prices were quoted in the metal market here today:

Iron Ore (1/2 percent Mn) delivered lower port	US\$ 63.5-73.5
Copper (Electrolytic) New York per lb.	23 1/2 cents
Zinc (Prime Western) New York per lb.	16 1/2
Manganese (Electrolytic) 99.9 percent Mn (average) delivered East of Mississippi River.	33.00

—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

Sterling pound note (per £1)	15.23
S. dollar (per \$1)	8.21
Gold bar (per tael)	303
FIC plates (per 100)	10.02
Indian Rupee (per 100)	24
Philippine (per 100)	33
Gold Yuan (per 100 Yuan)	45
Singapore (Straits)	10

Britain Tackles Inflation
"IMPRESSIVE MEASURE OF SUCCESS"

By Oscar R. Hobson

London, Mar. 19.—No responsible person could yet claim that Britain has solved her wartime inflationary problem. But what can be stated without fear of contradiction is that in the past 12 months or so she has tackled the problem with resolution and an impressive measure of success.

The intensive campaign against inflation began effectively with the emergency autumn budget of November, 1947 in which the then Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Hugh Dalton, said that it was necessary to strengthen "still further and without delay, our budgetary defences against inflation."

The reasons he gave for this need were that private savings had failed to reach the totals he had been led to expect that they would, and that further inflationary pressure had been developed by the severe curtailment of imports which had become necessary in order to reduce Britain's balance of payments "gap."

In order to achieve his object Mr. Dalton proposed a heavy addition to the already severe burden of taxation which Britain was bearing.

Sir Stafford Cripps, the present Chancellor, who succeeded Mr. Dalton soon after the budget, reinforced these new taxes by securing the acceptance by

the Cabinet of certain plans to curtail capital expenditure, including that on housing.

These measures quickly began to have their effect on the public's spending power. Yet even in the defences thus strengthened there remained one serious loophole which it became necessary to stop. This was the rising trend of wage rates, which, had it continued, could upset all the purely budgetary measures against inflation.

LARGEST SURPLUS

Accordingly, Sir Stafford Cripps, in the early spring of 1948, approached the Trades Union Congress and the employers' representative bodies with the proposal that the former should do what lay in their power to discourage fresh wage claims if the latter would agree to a corresponding "standstill" of dividend rates. The Chancellor was successful in securing the assent of both parties—a notable achievement.

Meanwhile, the 1947-48 budget closed on March 31, 1948, with a nominal surplus of £635,000,000, the first surplus since before World War II and by far the largest in the annals of Britain's finance.

It describes the surplus as "nominal" because, though it was arrived at in accordance with the traditional principles of United Kingdom budgetary accountancy, it was not composed entirely of current items, but partly of non-recurring and capital items; and did not therefore result in a corresponding diminution of the public's purchasing power.

In other words, the disinflationary effect of this big surplus was not commensurate with its size. In his April budget Sir Stafford Cripps therefore proceeded to still further drastic measures designed to bring purchasing power into accord with the supply of goods for sale.

FRESH TAXES

He made some concessions to income tax payers, intended to increase their incentive to produce, but imposed fresh taxes on beer, spirits and tobacco and company profits, and a special levy on unearned incomes.

As a result he was able to forecast a nominal surplus of nearly £800,000,000 on the central budget and a "true" surplus of some £300,000,000 for the whole "public sector," that is to say on the transactions of all public bodies including central and local government, nationalised industries, and so on.

The financial year for which these forecasts were made does not close until March 31, 1949, and it is not yet known whether the Chancellor's estimates will be fully confirmed.

What is known—what became apparent almost as soon as the budget was introduced—is that his measures have been successful in bringing about domestic monetary equilibrium.

There are plenty of indications to that effect. The rise in prices has been halted since about the middle of the year. Spending on luxuries was sharply curtailed, rail travel declined and expensive hotels suffered a slump. More important, perhaps, retail trade fell off sufficiently to enable depleted stocks to be appreciably increased for the first time since 1939.

Record Canadian Steel Output

Ottawa, Mar. 20.—Near capacity production was achieved last year by Canada's iron and steel mills.

A report of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics said the output was three percent higher than that of the war-time peak year of 1942.

Production of steel totalled 3,202,000 tons.

Pig iron production amounted to 2,121,000 tons, while 251,000 tons of ferro-alloy came from the mills after a sharp upward move from the 1947 figure of 100,000 tons.—United Press.

HONGKONG SHARES

The turnover on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$12,140,000. Transactions and noon prices:

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
BANKS			
HSBC	1710		
INDUSTRIALS			
Canton	355	300	
Union	700		
HSBC	200	270	
DOCKS			
Dock			25
LAND, etc.			
HSBC			13.30
HSBC	50		
HSBC	2	13	1000 @ 2
UTILITIES			
Tram			10
Star Ferry			124
C. Light (20)			100 @ 14.40
C. Light (10)	10	10.30	
Electric, Ltd.			30 1/2
Macao			25
Telephone			31.25
INDUSTRIALS			17
MISCELLANEOUS			200 @ 43 1/2
Entertainment			

12 Germans Selected To Run Ruhr

Frankfurt, Mar. 20.—An authoritative source said today that the American and British Military Governments have selected 12 Germans to run the mammoth Ruhr iron and steel industry under Allied control.

Although the list has not yet been confirmed, some Allied officials are already circulating it as a "collection of innocents."

They said more attention was paid to the candid political party than their ability.

Informants said the appointments would soon be announced officially, possibly in the next day or two.

The Board will serve until final ownership is settled by a future German government.—United Press.

Canada's Income From Tourists

Ottawa, Mar. 20.—Canadians collected a new high record of US\$270,000,000 from United States travellers in 1948.

Americans in Canada spent over US\$200,000,000 for the third year in a row.

Canadian spending in the United States during the year was US\$12,000,000.—United Press.

NEW YORK SCRAP

Closing Prices Mar. 19.

Copper, F.O.B. per ton (light)	US\$14.00-14.25
Lead, F.O.B. per ton (

U.S. Support For Atlantic Pact Assured

SOME DOUBTS ABOUT ARMS PROGRAMME

Washington, March 20.—Chairman Carl Vinson of the House Armed Services Committee today predicted speedy House approval for the more than \$1,000,000,000 programme of United States arms shipments to Western Europe to back up the North Atlantic defence pact.

A United Press poll showed top heavy Senate support for the pact itself. Of the Senators willing to comment, 52 said they expect to vote for ratification, while two said they would oppose it. But there is much stronger Senate opposition to the followup arms programme.

The same attitude of support for the pact and doubt about the programme was voiced by the Republican foreign policy expert, Mr John Foster Dulles, in a round table discussion with State Department officials aired by the National Broadcasting Company.

Mr Dulles said the pact "can be operated in such a way that it is clear to all that it is purely a defensive organization." But he cautioned that military steps to implement the treaty "might seem to be offensive" in nature and that "ill informed people

such as those in the Kremlin might think it provocative of war."

The Assistant Secretary of State, Mr Dean Rusk, appearing on the same broadcast, argued that the alliance would be a "powerful deterrent to war by showing any would-be aggressor that force would be met by overwhelming force."

Dr Philip C. Jessup, United States Ambassador at large to international conferences, said the treaty would help to overcome the fears of Western European peoples that Russia may overrun their lands.

ROAD TO PEACE

Mr Vinson, a Georgia Democrat with wide influence in the House, praised the alliance as the "road to peace for a long time." He said there would not be a "particle of trouble" in winning House approval for the proposed lendlease arms shipments. The cost of the programme has been estimated at up to \$2,000,000,000 in the first year.

Mr Vinson said, "Whatever it costs we have got to afford it." Military sources said that most of the munitions would be artillery, weapons, tanks and other conventional ground forces equipment. They said flatly that no atomic bombs will be turned over to other nations or even stored abroad. The United States may be asked to supply strategic bombing planes, such as the B-36 and B-50, it was said, but may ship surplus fighters and tactical aircraft.

Mr Vinson emphasised that in his opinion the pact, even when backed up by arms shipments, will not eliminate the need for a 70-group Air Force and other United States preparedness measures he has been pressing in the Congress. He said, "This does not take away at all from what we have to do ourselves."

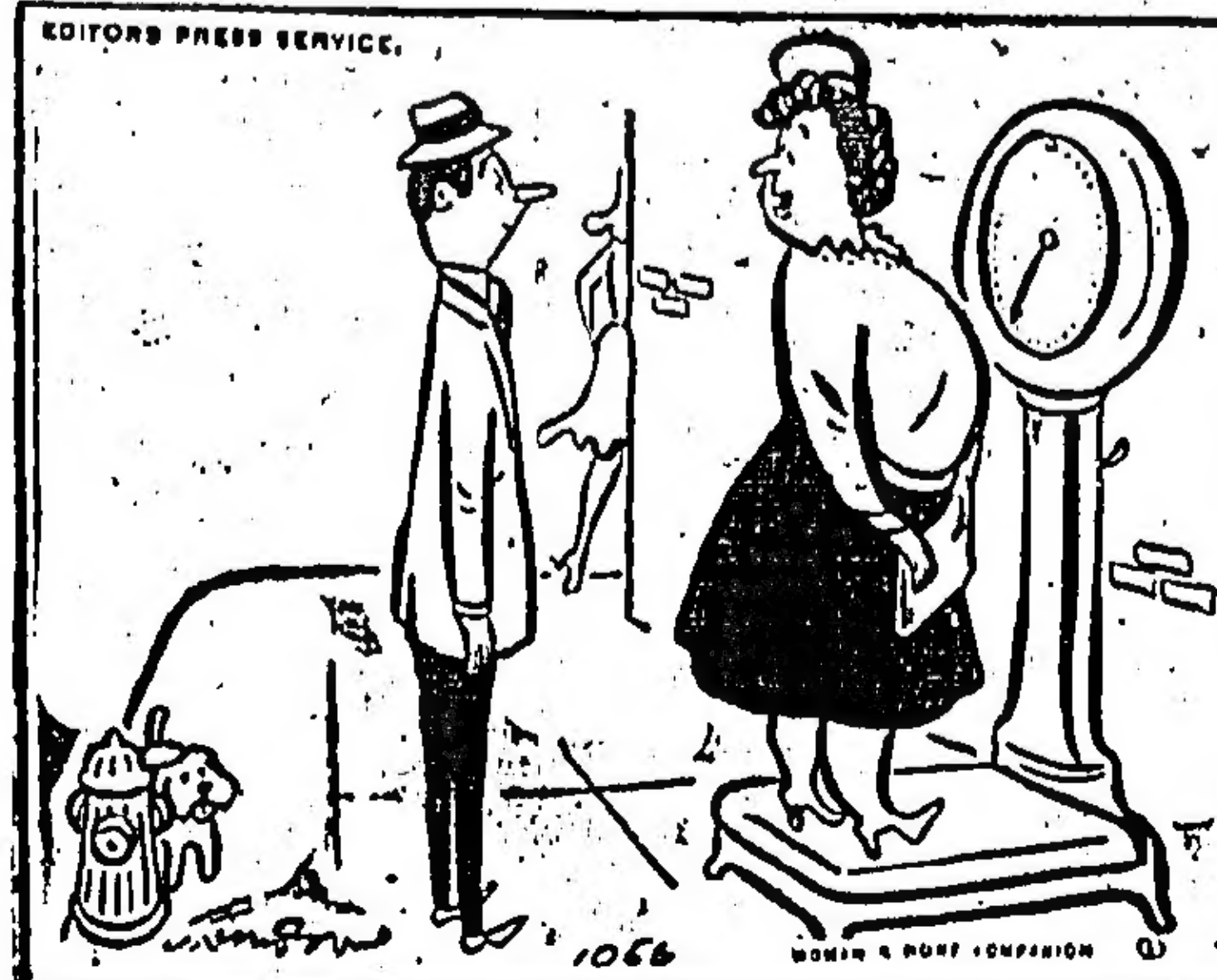
BEST GUARANTEE

Senator William Tydings, member of the Foreign Relations Committee, predicted that members of both parties will support the pact "with almost complete unanimity" when it comes up for Senate ratification. He praised the alliance in a radio broadcast as "the best guarantee for peace in the world that has been produced up to the present time. Nations that will sign the pact are so strong when linked together that no nation can afford to attack any one of the signatories without almost certain risk of an ultimate defeat."

Mr Dulles said, "It is obvious that the treaty does not attempt to take away from the Congress the right to declare war." But he said it is also obvious that foreign countries by attacking the world government advocates that the attitude of some of them "is really an escape from the tough problems of the moment."—United Press.

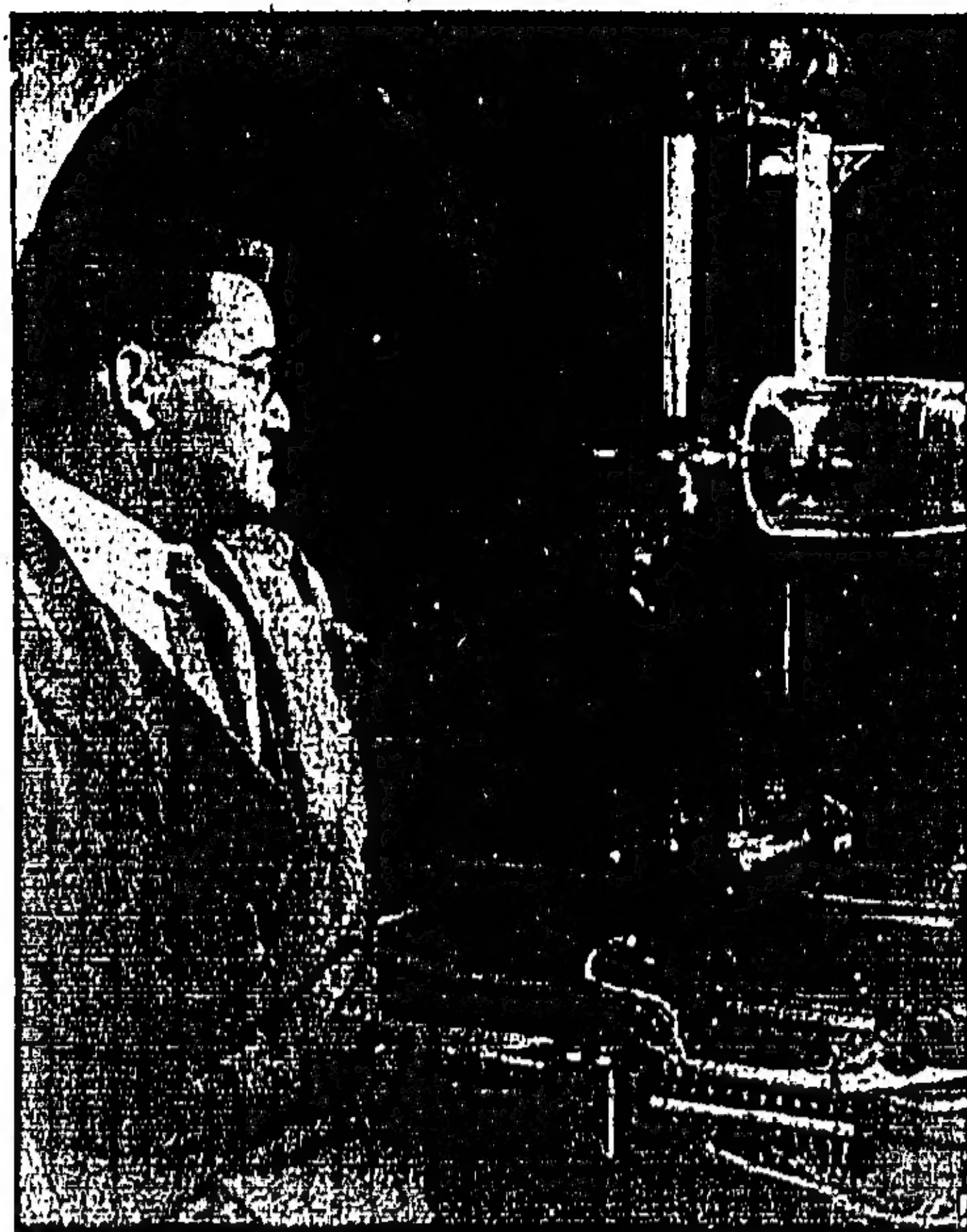
Writer Appeals To Stalin

Washington, Mar. 20.—Miss Anna Strong, the American pro-Soviet writer deported from the Soviet Union last month, charged with being an American spy, has appealed directly to Marshal Stalin to order an investigation of her case. She has asked through her lawyer for an official retraction if the charges against her prove to be unfounded. The request has been sent to the State Department for forwarding to the Soviet Union. Miss Strong—has indicated she has no desire to return to Soviet if she is cleared.—Reuter.



"Seventy-five pounds ago today you carried me across the threshold as your bride!"

Supersonic Wind Tunnel



The first wind tunnel designed to test supersonic flight conditions in the near vacuum 50 to 80 miles above the earth, is in operation at the University of California at Berkeley. It is the first low pressure wind tunnel large enough to permit actual testing of models. Don O. Hornung, project engineer sits on edge of test chamber as he checks one of the units used in tests. The four-inch plastic nozzle is at right. Steam jets suck gas through the large opening behind his head. Also shown is the automatic machinery for moving the test unit when the machine is in operation.—AP Picture.

Japanese Facing Retrenchment And Higher Taxation

Tokyo, Mar. 20.—The entire machinery of the Japanese national government is now at a standstill, awaiting a memorandum from General Douglas MacArthur's Headquarters regarding the new Japanese budget.

Striking evidence of the direct part SCAP is now openly playing in Japanese affairs was reflected in statements by the Cabinet spokesman that no message to the new Japanese Diet will be made until the SCAP's budget "suggestions" have been received.

In the last analysis, that means recommendations—certain to be carried out—by General MacArthur's financial adviser, Mr Joseph M. Dodge, of Detroit.

The slight gray haired president of the Detroit Bank is now the closest thing Japan ever had to an economic czar. Until his arrival in Tokyo on February 1, the final word on Japan's economic programme was spread diffusely through General MacArthur's Headquarters with the Economic and Scientific Section having the decisive say.

HARD-BOILED POLICY
But Major-General William Marquat, Chief of the ESS, is now telling American and Japanese business men and officials alike "You will have to clear it with Mr Dodge."

Mr Dodge's hard-boiled conservative policy is dedicated to put Japan on a self-sustaining basis at any cost—and the first step is to balance the budget. This means higher taxes, more taxes and stricter tax enforcement.

While the Japanese are prepared to carry out the recommendations or risk the end of American aid, they are not doing so with their traditional smile on their face.

They are nearly all grumbling—from the wage earner, who is being told by the Communists not to pay taxes, to the businessman who says they are being ruined.

FOREIGNERS AFFECTED
Even Allied businessmen in Japan are being hit. Japanese collectors spurred by necessity are now collecting taxes on automobiles bought by foreigners registered as traders in Japan.

This sometimes comes to 35,000 yen for licences (US\$125 at the military conversion rate) depending on the city where the car is registered.

At the same time, government workers anxiously are awaiting to see how many will get the sack when Mr Dodge put into

operation the government re-organisation plan to cut excess personnel from the payrolls. The answer to this and the question of how many next taxes will be imposed will be found in the cabinet's budget message to the Diet. Since the Japanese fiscal year begins April 1, the budget is expected to be presented by March 28.—United Press.

Italy Wants Treaty Revised

Rome, Mar. 20.—Italy may seek revision of the peace treaty to permit the strengthening of her armed forces under the Atlantic Defence system, reliable diplomatic sources indicated yesterday.

They said Italy wants Western support for the easing of military clauses in the treaty. These clauses limit Italy's post-war army to 250,000 men and 200 tanks; her Air Force to 25,000 men and 200 fighters and her Navy to 25,000 personnel, two battleships, four cruisers and four destroyers. Most Italians feel that under these limitations Italy would be a liability rather than an effective ally of other stronger Western nations.—Associated Press.

Seek Range For Guided Missiles

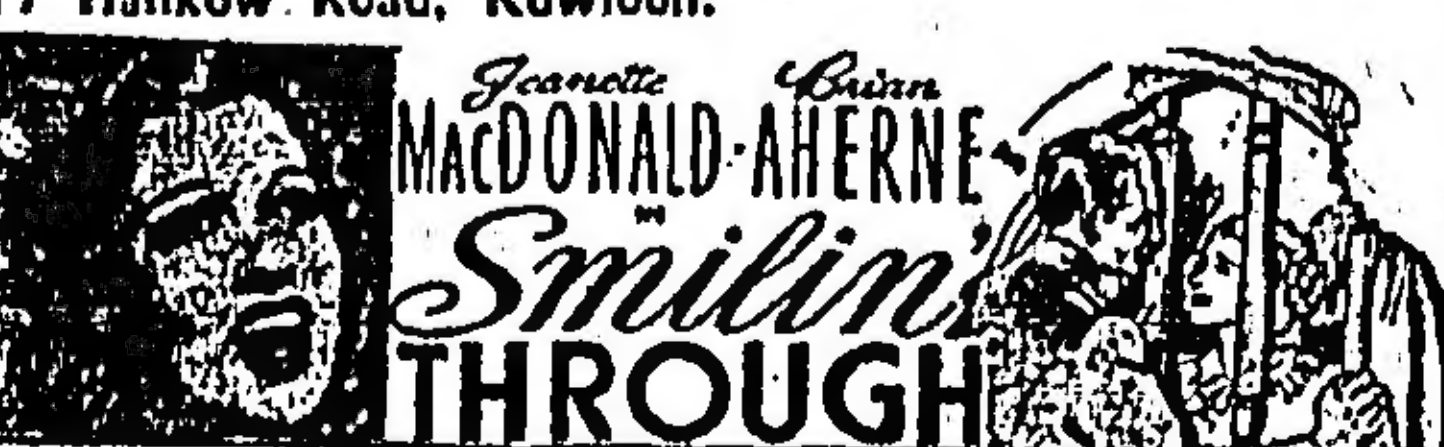
Washington, Mar. 20.—The United States is searching for a 3,000-mile range to test guided missiles, an Air Force spokesman said tonight. This follows an Australian report that the United States wants to use the vast Empire range in Central Australia for testing rockets with atomic warheads.

None of the three Armed Services headquarters here was able to confirm the report. An Air Force spokesman said he had heard nothing about the matter. The Army said there were no plans at present to use the Australian Woomera range. The Navy said: "We have no information."—Reuter.

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Ambushed Officer Out Of Danger

THREE WOUNDS IN THE BACK

Batavia, Mar. 20.—Lieut-Col. H. D. Chaplin, of the British Army serving in Indonesia as a United Nations' military observer, was today reported to be out of danger from bullet wounds sustained when guerillas attacked his jeep in north-west Sumatra on Friday.

He was operated on yesterday for three wounds in his back.

A UN administrative officer brought back today the first official report of the attack on the jeep, which also resulted in the wounding of a Dutch officer and an American officer. Their injuries were less serious.

The UN administrative officer, US Army Major Robert Montana, flew to Batavia from Sumatra today with his official report.

It agreed with the report of a Dutch Army statement which was released yesterday.

Major Montana said the white UN jeep was travelling alone and not in convoy when Lt-Col. Chaplin was wounded by the guerillas.

Dutch Lieutenant A. P. Voorst fought off the guerillas estimated to number more than a dozen, for half an hour. He said he

called out to them in Malay that they were attacking a United Nations jeep but was answered only with profanity.

The American and British officers, who were not armed in conformance with UN regulations, took cover in the roadside jungle.—Associated Press.

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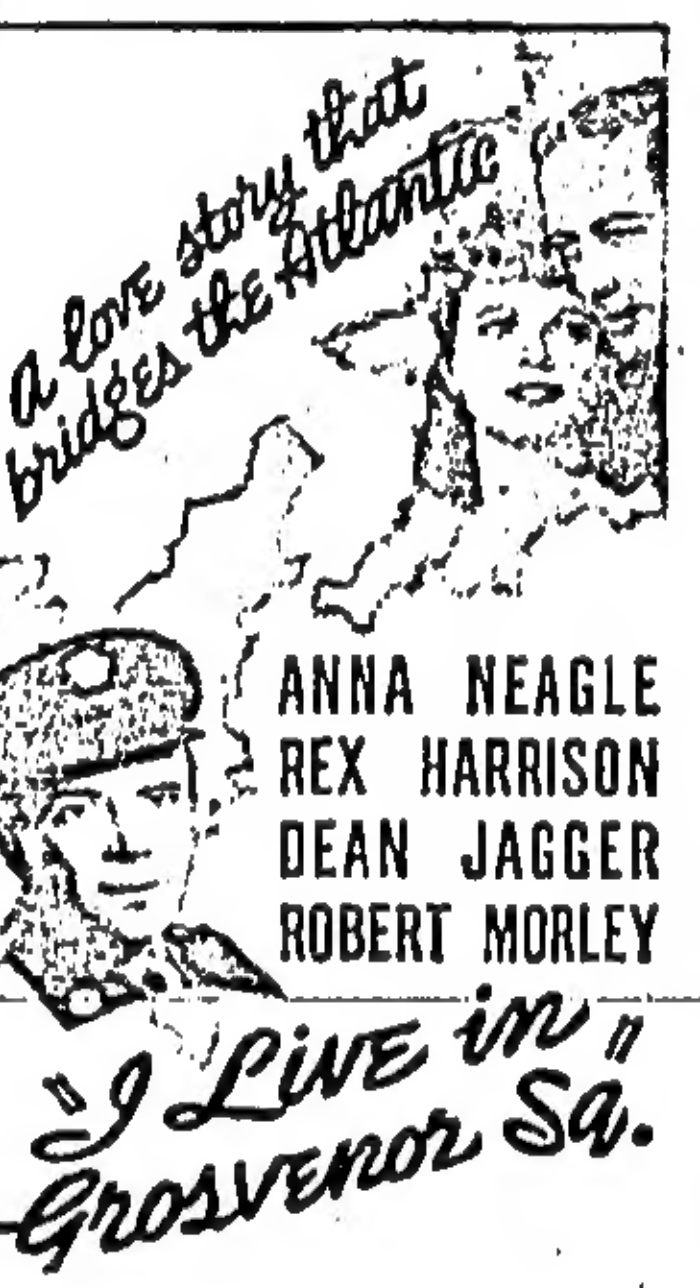
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